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Births.

SCOTT.—February 19, at Dubbo, the wife of T. M. Scott, of a daughter.

Deaths.

BOAG.—February 24, at Bray-street, Erskineville, the infant son of James and Christina Boag, aged 6 months.

CREANEY.—February 25, at his parents' residence, 54 Buckland-street, Waterloo, James Anslem Creaney, the beloved son of James A. and Isabella Creaney, aged 5 months. Melbourne and South Africa papers please copy.

GOODWIN.—February 25, at his residence, Irene Cottage, No. 101 Day-street, Leichhardt, Herbert Goodwin, aged 59 years.

JOHNSTON.—January 20, 1897, at Niagara, W.A., of Robert Winstanley, aged 28 years, youngest beloved son of the late R. G. Johnston, M.D., Woodhouse, Eaves, Leicestershire, England.

PALMER.—February 25, 1897, at Kedron, M'Laren-street, North Sydney, Mary Beatrice, eldest daughter of Charles M. and W. S. Palmer.

ST. CLAIR.—February 25, at Manly, Julia Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Robert Thomas St. Clair, of Clairleigh, Church-street, Ashfield, aged 48 years. In the midst of life we are in death.

THOMAS.—February 24, at Penryn, Cowper-street, Waverley, Elizabeth, aged 73 years, the beloved wife of William Thomas, and mother of Mrs. E. Hope and Edward Thomas; a resident of the district for 40 years.

TROY.—January 25, 1897, at her residence, Lower Mittagong, Louisa, beloved wife of Thomas Troy, sen., aged [illegible] years.

In Memoriam.

COLLINS.—In loving remembrance of our dearly beloved father, Samuel Collins, who was accidentally killed at Redfern railway station on Thursday, February 26th, 1891, aged 65. May his soul rest in peace. Inserted by his loving sons and daughters.

KENT.—In loving memory of our dear father George Kent, who departed this life 26th February, 1880. Inserted by his loving son and daughter, Ernest Kent and Charlotte Lowdock.

LUSCOMBE.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Catherine, who died 26th February, 1893, at her residence, Burke-street, Waterloo. Inserted by her loving husband.

LUSCOMBE.—In loving memory of Catherine Luscombe, who died 26th February 1893. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, T. M. and J. J. Fogarty.

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[illegible]	[illegible]	L. B. Crawford, C.B.	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Mar. 10
*Arcadia	[illegible]	A. C. Loggin	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 24
Parramatta	[illegible]	C. F. Preston	Mar. 27	April 3	April 7
*Ballaarat	[illegible]	T. S. Angus	April 10	April 17	April 21
[illegible]	[illegible]	A. R. Daviell	April 24	May 1	May 5
Himalaya	[illegible]	A. W. Adamson	[illegible]	May 15	May 19

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Steamer.	Commander.	Tons	Leave Sydney at noon	Leave Melbourne	Leave Adelaide.
			1897.	1897.	1897.
P. R. Luitpold	H. Walter	6700	—	March 2	March 6
Barbarossa	K. Richter	[illegible]	Mar. 27	Mar. 31	April 3
Gera	V. Schuckmann	5319	April 24	April 28	May 1
Darmstadt	M. Liebel	5316	May 22	May 26	May 29
Karlsruhe	J. Roban	5057	June 19	June 23	June 26
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*ORMUZ	6387 tons	E. A. Veale, R.N.R.	Mar. 6
*AUSTRAL	5524	J. F. Anderson	Mar. 20
*OROTAVA	5552	I. Linklater	April 3
OPHIR	6910	J. F. Ruthven	April 17
ORIZABA	6097	A. W. Clarke, R.N.R.	May 3
OROYA	6097	E. E. Lavington	May 17
ORIENT	5365	H. R. Inskip	May 31

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MONOWAI	Carey	Mar. 15	Mar. 20	Apl. 8
ALAMEDA	Van Oterendorp	Apr. 12	Apr. 17	May 6
MARIPOSA	Hayward	May 10	May 15	June 3
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S.S. TARAWERA, SATURDAY, February 27, at noon.

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For HOBART Direct—
S.S. OONAH, WEDNESDAY, March 3, at noon.
(See Special Advertisement.)
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S.S. TEKAPO, SATURDAY, February 27, at 10 a.m.

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NINEVEH	N. Allan	3900	Mar. 5.
THERMOPYLÆ	A. Simpson	[illegible]	Mar. 26
ABERDEEN	A. F. Wills	[illegible]	April 30
AUSTRALASIAN	T. F. Spalding	3700	May 14
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ADELAIDE PORT AUGUSTA PORT PIRIE	Hubbuck, Tues., March 2, 5 p.m. Leura, Sat., March 6, 12 noon.
ALBANY FREMANTLE GERALDTON	Hubbuck, Tues., Mar. 2, 5 p.m. See special advertisement.
BRISBANE MARYBOROUGH ROCKHAMPTON	Tyrian, To-morrow, Sat., 2 p.m. Barrabool, Tues., March 2, 5 p.m.
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ALBANY FREMANTLE GERALDTON WHARFS Direct, transhipping for COSSACK and North-west ports	Bulimba, Tuesday, March 2 Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 2 Maritta (cargo only), Wed., March 3 (See Special Advt. below.)
ESPERANCE BAY via Albany	Macgregor, every fortnight
BRISBANE	Ranelagh, This Day, 5 p.m., Feb. 26 Cintra, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 2 Maranoa, Wednesday, March 3
MARYBOROUGH	Ranelagh, This Day, 5 p.m., Feb. 26
BUNDABERG	Cintra, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 2
GLADSTONE	Ranelagh, This Day, 5 p.m., Feb. 26
ROCKHAMPTON	Ranelagh, This Day, 5 p.m., Feb. 26 Cintra, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 2
BROADSOUND	Ranelagh, This Day, 5 p.m., Feb. 26
MACKAY BOWEN TOWNSVILLE T'ville Local Ports CAIRNS PORT DOUGLAS COOKTOWN	Cintra, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 2 Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 2
THURSDAY ISLD. NORMANTON BURKETOWN	Ranelagh, Friday, 5 p.m., March 12 (Change at Brisbane).
NOUMEA LEVUKA SUVA } FIJI	Victoria, Wednesday, March 3
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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on the 11th day of March, 1897, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 8th day of March, 1897:—Re SIDNEY CHARLES REILLY (No. 11,649), of Robert-street, Marrickville, Builder. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. 4c-36

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on the 3rd day of March, 1897, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 1st day of March, 1897:—Re CHAMBERLAIN S. FARREN (No. 11,640), of No. 3 Edward-terrace, Mile End-road, Waverley, late of Ashfield, Journalist; re HUGH DICKSON (No. 11,644), of Ada Villa, William-street, Summer Hill, Builder. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. N. F. GIBLIN, Official Assignee. 4c-36

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WOODVILLE M'LAREN, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Merchant, deceased, intestate.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRY ACHDALL LANGLEY, of No. 169 King-street, Sydney, Solicitor, as the attorney of MAY CUNNINGHAME M'LAREN, a sister of the said deceased. MATHESON and LANGLEY, Proctors, 169 King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of BRIDGET JOSEPHINE CHARTERS, of the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Sandringham, in the colony of Victoria, deceased.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted in the colony of Victoria in respect of the above Estate may be Sealed with the Seal of this Court. P. J. O'DONNELL, Proctor for the Executors, Equitable-buildings, George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ANTONEY WESSELL, late of Dungaree, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration (cum testamento annexo) of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HANNAH ELIZABETH WESSELL, of Dungaree, the Widow of the said deceased, and sole Devisee named in the said Will. HERBERT J. M'PHERSON, Proctor, Rylstone. By his Agents, Messrs. M'INTOSH and TODHUNTER, 121 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN MADDEN, late of Richmond, in the colony of New South Wales, Contractor, deceased, intestate.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to LINDA AGNES FINGLETON, wife of Michael Francis Fingleton, of Clarendon Mills, in the said colony, selector, a daughter of the said deceased. P. E. STIRTON, Proctor for the Administratrix, Moree. By his Agents, VILLENEUVE-SMITH and DAWES, 20 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Goods of JOHN JAMIESON PORTER, formerly of Sydney, but late of Cargo, in the colony of New South Wales, Mining Engineer, deceased.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate of the above deceased may be granted to NORMAN FREDERICK GIBLIN, the Attorney of ALFRED [illegible], of Neutral Bay, near Sydney aforesaid, Mining Engineer, a Creditor in the above Estate. JOHNSON, MINTER, SIMPSON, and CO., Proctors, Norwich-chambers, Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of DAVID BLAIR, late of East Melbourne, in the colony of Victoria, Timber Merchant and Importer, deceased.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted in the colony of Victoria in respect of the above Estate may be sealed with the seal of this Court. Dated this 24th day of February, 1897. R. DE V. MASSIE, Proctor for the Executor, Temora. By his Agent, F. R. COUPER, 114a Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
TAKE NOTICE that I, PERCIVAL GEORGE BEST, of Lismore, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to John Charles M'Intosh, of Lismore, solicitor, intend to apply on the last day of this present Term to be admitted as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court.
Dated this sixteenth day of February, 1897.
P. G. BEST.

Public Notices.

SYDNEY HOSPITAL.—I acknowledge with Thanks the receipt of £[illegible] per Mr. Colin William Fraser, being the amount bequeathed to the Institution by the late WILLIAM JAMES [illegible].
JAMES EWAN,
Honorary Treasurer.

ASYLUM FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN, RANDWICK.
I have to acknowledge, with THANKS, the receipt of the sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings (£5 5s) from D. MICHIE, Esq., of the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, being part of the money collected from visitors to the R.M.S. CHINA during the time she was in port.
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NOTICE.
W. H. HARDING, who left two Chestnut HORSES at Welcome Inn, Narrabri, in April, 1896, is hereby informed that unless he corresponds with the proprietor, R. VINCENT, before March 31, 1897, they will be sold.

RE Miss M. SCHOFIELD, Condobolin.—All CLAIMS in this Estate must be rendered to us before 10th MARCH, otherwise they will not be recognised.
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Sydney.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—The undersigned has this day RESIGNED his power of Attorney held from Mr. Harry Francis.
A. H. PRINCE.
Union-chambers, 70 Pitt-street, February 25, 1897.

MRS. SMITH, of 81 Ferry-road, Glebe Point, begs to notify her friends that a case recently brought before one of the Suburban Courts had no reference whatever to any member of her family.

WE will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted after this date in connection with the Business of KONG TIY and CO., of Pitt-street, Haymarket, without our writ. authority. C. WONG, PING KEE. 15 Feb., 1897.

ALL ACCOUNTS owing to the firm of KONG TIY and CO., 431 Pitt-street, Haymarket, must be paid without delay to the undersigned, otherwise legal proceedings will be taken by C. WONG, 12 Campbell-street.

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PERSONS are Cautioned against Cashing Cheque, £4, drawn by J. Eisenstaedter, Bank Australia.

R. M. SMITH, Dentist (late of Glebe Point), has Removed to 53 Darlinghurst-rd., Darlinghurst.

CHARLES DAVIS, Solicitor, has REMOVED to St. James'-chambers, King-st., corner of Macquarie-st.

DOCTOR P. J. DROUGHT will be absent in Europe during the next twelve months.

DR. STANICH, Aural Surgeon, Ear, Nose, Throat, and Influenza, 84 Elizabeth-st., near King-st., Sydney.

Naval and Military Notices.

NEW SOUTH WALES ARTILLERY, 2nd G. Dn.—RECRUITING for the above Regiment will take place at Victoria Barracks (near the Centre Arch) on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS, at 7 p.m. Height, 5ft. 7in.; Chest measurement, 34in.
(1c-81) L. H. KYNGDON, Capt.

FIRST INFANTRY REGIMENT.—Members of the First Infantry Regiment are invited to attend the Funeral of the late Pte. H. J. GIFFORD, A. Com., who served faithfully for 19 years as a Volunteer in the N. S. Wales Military Forces; to move from his late residence, 27 Prospect-terrace, Elizabeth-street, Redfern, at 1.15 p.m. THIS DAY (Friday). Dress: Review Order with Arms. By order, M. BAYLY, Major,
1c-86 Adj. 1st Inf. Regt.

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Meetings.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General MEETING of the Governors and Subscribers will be held on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at the Hospital, Missenden-road, Camperdown, at 4 p.m.
Edward Knox, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Directors, will preside.

Business:
To receive the Report of the Directors for 1896.
To receive Statement of Income and Expenditure for the past year.
To elect Directors in the room of the following gentlemen, who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election, and have given notice of their willingness to serve if elected:—
EDWD. KNOX, Esq.
JAMES R. FAIRFAX, Esq.
Sir ALFRED ROBERTS
Professor JAMES T. WILSON
P. H. MORTON, Esq., M.L.A.
To transact any other business of which notice has been given.

The subscribers and public are requested to attend.
ALFRED ROBERTS,
Hon. Secretary.
Camperdown, February 10th, 1897.

MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA.
NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-EIGHTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Association will be held at the Principal Office, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney, on MONDAY, the 29th MARCH next, at 2.30 p.m.,
To receive the ANNUAL REPORT of the Directors, being for the year ended 31st December, 1896.
To elect TWO DIRECTORS in the room of Samuel Dickinson, Esq., J.P., Chairman of the Board, and the Hon. J. N. Brunker, M.L.A., who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
To elect AN AUDITOR in the room of Mr. John B. C. Miles, F.S.I.A., who retires in accordance with Bylaw 9, and is eligible for re-election.
And to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.
By order of the Board.
J. C. REMINGTON,
General Manager.
Sydney, 12th February, 1897.

SAMUEL DICKINSON, Esq., and the Hon. J. N. BRUNKER, M.L.A., have given the notice required by By-law 5 that they are Candidates for re-election as Directors.
J. C. REMINGTON,
General Manager.
Sydney, 25th February, 1897.

THE NORTH COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that a General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at noon on FRIDAY, February 26th instant, at the Company's Office, 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive directors' report and balance-sheet to December 31st last, to elect a director in lieu of Hon. G. H. Cox, M.L.C., and two auditors in lieu of Messrs. James C. Taylor and J. C. Cattell, all of whom retire and are eligible for re-election, and to transact any other business that may be brought forward in accordance with deed of settlement.
By order of the Board.
LEONARD DODDS,
Manager.
Sydney, 17th February, 1897.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS NATIONAL BUILDING, LAND, AND INVESTMENT CO., Limited.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Twentieth Annual General MEETING of the abovenamed Company will be held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 7.30 p.m. Business: 1. To receive Report and Balance-sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1896. 2. To transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in terms of the Articles of Association.
W. T. BALL, Manager.
243 Pitt-street, Sydney, 19th February, 1897.

NEW CROWN OF PEAK HILL GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Half-yearly General MEETING of the above Company will be held at 2.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, February 26th, at the company's office, 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet to 31st December last, and to transact general business.
By order of the Board.
LEONARD DODDS,
Manager.
Sydney, January 29th, 1897.

REDHEAD COAL-MINING COMPANY, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-second Annual General MEETING of the Company will be held at noon on FRIDAY, 26th February instant, at the Company's Office, 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet to 31st December last; to elect a Director in lieu of A. H. Brown, Esq., and an Auditor in lieu of J. S. Hutchinson, Esq., both of whom retire, and are eligible for re-election; and to transact general business.
By order of the Board.
LEONARD DODDS,
Manager.
Sydney, 3rd February, 1897.

THE DROMEDARY GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Half-yearly General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 12 O'Connell-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, February 26th, 1897, at 11 a.m.
Business:
1. To receive the directors' report and balance-sheet for the period ended 31st January, 1897.
2. To consider the advisability of making calls to provide funds for the erection of machinery, necessary to place the mine on a dividend-paying basis.
3. To transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the rules of the Company.
By order of the Board.
DARRELL A. BENSUSAN, Manager.
12 O'Connell-street, Sydney,
13th February, 1897.

HOLT-SUTHERLAND ESTATE LAND COMPANY Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Half-yearly General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the office of the Company, 3 O'Connell-street, Sydney, THIS DAY, at 4 p.m.
To receive the Balance-sheet and Report of the Directors for the half-year ended 31st December, 1896, and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association.
M. MALONEY,
Acting Manager.
Sydney, 26th February, 1897.

BROKEN HILL SOUTH SILVER-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
The Seventh Half-yearly Ordinary General MEETING of the above Company is hereby convened, and will be held at the Board-room, 60 Queen-street, Melbourne, on FRIDAY, the 5th day of March, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, for the transaction of the following Business:—
1. To receive and adopt Accounts and Balance-sheet and the Ordinary Report of the Directors and the Report of the Auditors.
2. To elect two Directors in place of Messrs. Henry Dodds and Alexander Campbell, who retire, but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly. Messrs. G. Barron Rodway, F. C. Howard, and L. A. Jessop have also given notice of candidature, and are eligible for election.
3. To elect two Auditors in place of Messrs. A. G. S. Williams and W. F. Salmon, who retire, but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.
Special Business:
To confirm the action of the Board in appointing Mr. Laughton and Mr. Moulden as Directors to fill vacancies, and to elect those gentlemen as Directors. They are both eligible for election.
TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED for the Seven Days immediately preceding the Meeting.
By order of the Directors.
RICHARD FORD, Manager.
60 Queen-street, Melbourne, 10th February, 1897.

NO. 8 STARR BOWKETT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.—A Special General MEETING of the Shareholders will be held in the Society's Office THIS EVENING, the 26th instant, at 8 o'clock. Business: Alteration of Rules.
ROBT. CHADWICK, Secretary.

General Merchandise.

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Calls and Dividends on Shares.

LADY BOUNTIFUL G. M. COMPANY, N.L.
NOTICE is hereby given that ALL SHARES in the above Coy. upon which the Fifth Call of 1s per share, payable on 22nd January, remains unpaid will be declared FORFEITED if not paid by March 1st, 1897.
By order of the Board.
PHILIP A. DORNWELL,
Legal Manager.
Coolgardie.

THE NEW ELDORADO GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability, Mount Drysdale (near Cobar, N.S.W.).—NOTICE is hereby given that the Second CALL of Threepence per Share on all Shares in the above Company has been made payable at the Company's Office, Barton-street, Cobar, on WEDNESDAY, 10th March, 1897. By order of the Board of Directors. D. J. O'NEILL, Legal Manager. Cobar, 13th February, 1897.

BROKEN HILL JUNCTION NORTH MINING COMPANY, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND (the seventh) of sixpence per Share has been declared, and is payable at the office of the Company, 359 Collins-street, Melbourne, and 97 and 98 Bishopsgate-street (within), London, on and after WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of MARCH, 1897, and at the following banks:—
Adelaide—The English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, Limited.
Sydney—The English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, Limited.
The TRANSFER BOOKS will CLOSE in Melbourne on SATURDAY, the 27th day of February, 1897, at 12 noon.
By order.
JNO. L. WHARTON,
Secretary.
February 17, 1897.

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FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

WHEREAS I, the Right Honourable HENRY ROBERT Viscount HAMPDEN, the Governor aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council, have directed that a certain public work, the estimated cost of which does not exceed twenty thousand pounds—that is to say, the erection of a Public School at Burraneer Bay—for which work public funds are lawfully available, shall be carried out under the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1888 as an authorised work by the Minister of Public Instruction as Constructing Authority, and that the land described in the Schedule hereto, which is in my opinion required for carrying out the said work, shall be acquired by taking the same under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, as adopted by the Public Works Act of 1888: Now, therefore, I, the said Governor, with the advice aforesaid, in pursuance of the Public Works Act of 1888, do declare by this notification, to be published in the Government Gazette and in one or more newspapers published or circulating in the Police District wherein the said land is situated, that the Crown Land comprised within the description and boundaries set forth in the Schedule hereto has been appropriated, and the private property within such boundaries and comprised in such description has been resumed, for the public purpose aforesaid, to the intent that upon the publication of this notification in the Gazette, the said land described in the said Schedule hereto shall forthwith be vested in the said Constructing Authority as a corporation sole on behalf of her Majesty, for the purposes of the Public Instruction Act of 1880, for an estate in fee simple in possession, freed and discharged from all trusts, obligations, estates, interests, contracts, charges, rates, rights-of-way, or other easements whatsoever; and to the further intent that the legal estate therein, together with all powers incident thereto, as conferred by the said Acts or either of them, shall be vested in such Constructing Authority as a Trustee; and I declare that the following is the Schedule of land hereinbefore referred to:—

SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of land situated near Burraneer Bay, parish of Sutherland, county of Cumberland, being part of J. C. Laycock's grant of 143 acres 1 rood 4 perches, portion 42, and containing 2 acres: Commencing on the northern side of the Gunnamatta-road at a point bearing south 89 degrees 46 minutes east, distant 3 chains from the south-west corner of J. C. Laycock's grant of 143 acres 1 rood 4 perches, portion 42; and bounded thence by that road south 89 degrees 46 minutes east 4 chains; thence by lines north 14 minutes east 5 chains, north 89 degrees 46 minutes west 4 chains, and south 14 minutes west 5 chains to the point of commencement,—as surveyed and shown on plan catalogued Ms. 1,172 Sy. in the Department of Lands.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the colony to be hereto affixed, at Government House, Sydney, this fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixtieth year of her Majesty's reign.
By his Excellency's command.
J. GARRARD.
(3s-222) GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Post and Telegraph Department,
Brisbane, 18th February, 1897.

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A chestnut gelding, quiet in saddle and harness, to be sold without reserve.

TO PRIVATE GENTLEMEN AND OTHERS.

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A handsome bay mare, quiet to ride and drive, and accustomed to be driven by a lady.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from F. Smith, Esq., Bungambie, to Sell by auction, at the Camperdown Yards, on the 15th March next, at 3 o'clock, 15 head of HORSES. Particulars later.

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HILL, CLARK, and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction as above,
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ATTRACTIVE SALE by AUCTION of HIGH-CLASS SADDLE and HARNESS HORSES, on account of Messrs. Doyle Bros., Fern Hill, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, 3rd March, at 2 o'clock.

E. BEADELL has received instructions from Messrs. Doyle Bros., Fern Hill, to sell by auction at his Bazaar, as above,
10 well-bred horses, all subject to saddle and harness trials. Full particulars in to-morrow's issue.

BANNISTER, MORRIS, and CO. will sell by auction THIS DAY, at Newtown, at 7 o'clock, Wood, &c. And at Darling Harbour, at 9 o'clock, Wood, &c.

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60 prime store pigs, from the Barrington River.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Produce Saleyards, at the rear of 791 George-street South, entrance Valentine-lane, THIS DAY,
At half-past 1 o'clock sharp,
Fat vealers, porkers, baconers, suckers, &c.
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TALLOW.—At John Bridge and Co.'s Stores, Circular Quay, at 2.30 p.m.

The Farmers' Auction Sale Yards, Thomas-street, Haymarket.

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Suckers, porkers, stores, calves, &c.
At 2.30,
Prime table poultry, comprising turkeys, fowls, ducks, geese, birds, pigeons, &c.
At 3.45,
New-laid hen and duck eggs from local farmers
Fresh country eggs, ex rail and boat.
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SEAFORTH PROCTER will sell by auction THIS DAY, at Darling Harbour Station, at 9 o'clock, Wood.
At Produce Market, 741 George-street, at 1 o'clock,
Fat calves, pigs, sucking pigs, carcase pork
Turkeys, geese, ducks, fowls, pigeons, birds
Roll and keg butter, cheese, hams, bacon, lard
120 cases superior duck and hen eggs
Fruit, grapes, melons, honey, hides, skins, sundries.

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 26th, at 11 a.m.

AT THE CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS,
274 Pitt-street, near Bathurst-street.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CURATOR OF INTESTATE ESTATES.

In the following Intestate Estates, viz.:—E. Jenkinson, R. Trevor, — Woolfe, Frederick Lovell, William Knight, Duncan Brown Duncan, Thomas Wilson, Edward Seaborn, H. Layssel, Sydney A. Harrison, Carl Moeller, Mary Hannah Venour, Frederick Orloff, Catherine Kenny, Martin M'Inerney, T. T. Roscoe, W. H. Probert, Catherine Norris, William Noorby, James Wilson, Charles Tennent, Walter Hamilton, William Reid, Edward Stephens, and Christian Madsen, ALL DECEASED.

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Tin and Wood TRUNKS and Boxes
Leather PORTMANTEAU and GLADSTONE BAGS, &c., &c.

A. G. JENKINS has been favoured with instructions to sell, as above, THIS MORNING.

Terms, Cash. No Reserve.

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 26th, at 12.30 p.m.
At the Central Auction Rooms,
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A. G. JENKINS has received instructions from the proprietor of a large boarding establishment to sell a large quantity of luggage, &c. Terms, Cash. No Res.

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DITTO.—Allotment, Holmesdale-street, Fairview Estate Subdivision. Mortgagee's sale.
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Vans, springcarts, horses, and harness, draught horses, tipdrays, and harness.
At 12 o'clock,
Horses and vehicles of every description specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. MACDONALD to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Pair horses, barouche, and harness, only sold owing to owner having decided upon leaving Sydney.

TWO NEW 3-SPRING SULKIES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Builder to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
1 new pony sulky, 1 ditto, suit any horse.

SPLENDID HOODED SULKY AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Splendid hooded slide-seat sulky and harness, only sold owing to owner leaving for England.

TO RACING MEN, BREEDERS, AND OTHERS.

WARRIPET, CHESTNUT MARE, BY TATTOO.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
WARRIPET, chestnut mare, by Tattoo from a Warrior mare, winner of 30 races.

BAY GELDING, BY CHILDE HAROLD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. JOHN FARMER to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay gelding, 5 years, 15.2 high, got by Childe Harold, broken to saddle and harness, stands tram, very fast and stylish. Suit any private vehicle.

TWO GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. MARSHALL to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Black gelding, 5 years, chestnut ditto, 5 years—two really first-class s. and h. horses, subject to trial.

HORSE, PRODUCE VAN, HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. MILLS to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Roan gelding, stanch worker, good three-quarter produce van and harness.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS, THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

95 HEAD. 95 HEAD.

TO INDIAN BUYERS, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, 'BUS AND CAB PROPRIETORS, HEAVY CARRIERS, DRAYMEN, VANMEN, AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction as above, at 2.30 o'clock,
On account EXECUTORS late GEORGE ROUSE, Mudgee:
25 upstanding well-bred light horses, broken and unbroken, with breeding, quality, and substance.

*** THE QUALITY OF THE ROUSE HORSES IS SO WELL AND FAVOURABLY KNOWN THAT THE AUCTIONEERS CONSIDER COMMENT UNNECESSARY.

On account the HON. ALEXANDER RYRIE, M.L.C., Michelago:
10 really first-class horses, comprising heavy draughts and well-bred saddle and harness descriptions.

On account Mr. ALLEN HINES, Toowoomba:
60 head of horses, as specially advertised.

BUYERS OF ALL CLASSES OF HORSES SHOULD NOT FAIL TO ATTEND THE ABOVE SALE, AS SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY OF PURCHASING SELDOM OCCURS.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 2.30 O'CLOCK,
60
VERY SUPERIOR HORSES,
SPECIALLY SELECTED.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. HINES, Toowoomba, to sell by auction, as above,
60 VERY SUPERIOR HORSES comprising draught colts and fillies, strong lorry and coaching horses; FIRST-CLASS LIGHT HORSES, WITH SUBSTANCE and QUALITY, SUITABLE FOR THE INDIAN MARKET; and very useful light harness and saddle descriptions.

Among the above consignment are 10 or 12 VERY STYLISH GREY HORSES and a celebrated jumper, stand about 17 hands high.

Mr. HINES HAS TAKEN GREAT CARE IN SELECTING THE ABOVE HORSES TO SUIT THE SYDNEY MARKET, AND HE ADVISES THE AUCTIONEERS THAT THEY ARE THE BEST LOT HE HAS EVER YET HAD FORWARD, AND ALL ARE IN SPLENDID CONDITION.

INGLIS'S WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE ON FRIDAY, RAILWAY SALE YARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Friday,
At 12 o'clock sharp,
Calves, pigs, lambs, suckers, &c.
At half-past 1 o'clock sharp,
Turkeys, ducks, geese, fowls, pigeons, &c.
At 3 o'clock sharp,
Roll and keg butter from best Southern factories and dairies, eggs, bacon, cheese, lard, honey, &c., &c.

THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY,
at 11 a.m.,
AT 146 ELIZABETH-STREET,
Near Liverpool-street.
SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
DRAWING-ROOM, DINING-ROOM, BEDROOMS,
KITCHEN FURNITURE, and SUNDRIES.

H. W. BROOK and CO. have received instructions to sell, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.

To Fancy Goods Buyers, Booksellers, Stationers, &c., &c.

AUCTION SALE
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, February 26.

STOCK OF SUBURBAN FANCY GOODS DEALER.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

Dolls, Toys, Purses, Bags, Frames, Baskets, Fans, Pictures, Perfumery, Soaps, Scissors, Knives, Mirrors, Brushware, Concertinas, Toy Books, Stationery, &c., &c., &c.
About 100 Volumes Books, Standard Works, &c., &c.

JAMES RODD and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, in their Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street, THIS DAY, at 11,
The whole of the above stock.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

There being nearly 500 lots Sale begins 11 sharp.

JOHN P. LEITER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, THIS DAY.

The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. G. R. M'Kay, of 121 Parramatta-road, Camperdown.

At 11 o'clock: Clothing, boots, blankets, &c.
At 2 o'clock: Sundries and jewellery.

M. SYMONDS and CO., New and Second-hand Furniture Warehousemen, 77 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, near King-street, are now offering for PRIVATE SALE New and Second-hand FURNITURE and EFFECTS to suit MANSION or COTTAGE at Half its Value.
M. SYMONDS and CO.,
77 Castlereagh-street, near King-street.
Inspection invited. Terms, Cash only.

To Builders and Dealers in Building Materials.
On the Premises, Augustus-street, near Tram Terminus, LEICHHARDT.

JAMES COWAN (266 Pitt-street) has received instructions from Mr. James Bonner, builder, who is leaving for Western Australia, to sell by public auction, on SATURDAY Next, 27th February, at 3 p.m.,
The whole of the Stock-in-Trade and Plant, consisting of mortice machine, 2-ton crab winch, new wire rope, builder's cart, ladders, builders' ironmongery, benches, 30 sheets 7ft. galv. iron (new), plumbers and drainers' stock, timber of all descriptions, &c., &c. Terms, Cash. No Reserve.

In the Bankrupt Estate of Mrs. L. S. MULLER,
22 CARSHALTON-STREET, CROYDON.

On the Premises, WEDNESDAY, 3rd March, at 2.30.
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

DALWOOD and CO. have been instructed by Mr. N. F. GIBLIN, Esq., to Sell by AUCTION as above.

J. GIDLEY FLEMING and SONS sell by auction, at 1 o'clock, at 242 Pitt-st., Collection of pot plants.

A. MITCHELL will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 10 a.m., at 88 Campbell-st., Glebe, Furniture, Effects.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. HENRY BRACY

presents his compliments to his Friends, the Sydney Public, and begs to intimate that he has taken a lease of the above favourite and fashionable Theatre for a short season, and will have the honour of introducing an entirely

NEW COMIC OPERA COMPANY,

ON SATURDAY, 6th MARCH,

when he will have the pleasure of reviving the wonderfully successful Romantic Opera,

THE BEGGAR STUDENT

(by C. Millocker and Beatty Kingston).

Full particulars in future announcement.

WE like to hear our Customers say that their Boots are wearing well. We often hear it. It's always pleasant, though not new. It's almost like saying they'll get their next pair from us. Callaghan and Son, 395 George-street, Sydney.

Auction Sales.

THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY,
at 11 a.m.

ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE
by public auction,
at the
COMMODIOUS AUCTION ROOMS
of
WALTER BRADLEY and CO.,
324 GEORGE-STREET,
of
ARTISTIC and WELL-MADE HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES,
removed from the residence of
M. A. GUIRAND,
MARYVILLE, GLEBE-ROAD,
and now being sold in
CONSEQUENCE of his DEPARTURE for FRANCE,
comprising
GLASSWARE, CHINA, ELECTROPLATE,
in good order, and of excellent quality.
WELL-MADE WALNUT DINING-ROOM SUITE,
9 pieces, stuffed backs, upholstered in best Leather, in splendid order.
LARGE EXTENSION DINING TABLE,
with Patent Screw and Extra Leaves.
MASSIVE ENCLOSED SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD
with Plateglass Back.
INDIAN CARPET SQUARE, with BORDER.
ELEGANT SOLID WALNUT OVERMANTEL,
with Bevelled Plateglass Panels.

SUPERB ROSEWOOD INLAID DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, covered in Genoa Velvet and Plush
VERY ELEGANT ROSEWOOD INLAID CABINET, with side Cupboards and Bevelled Panels
HIGH-CLASS COTTAGE UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE, in Ebonised Case, with Ormolu Sconces, by the celebrated French Manufacturers, Aucher Freres, Paris, very sweet in tone, and in good order; can be recommended
INLAID WALNUT OCTAGON CARD TABLE, with folding flap and cloth top
SUPERIOR AMERICAN WALNUT ORGAN, with 9 stop- and knee swell, by the well-known makers Bell and Co.
SEVERAL VERY GOOD OIL PAINTINGS, Landscapes, of considerable merit
ARTISTIC BAMBOO HALL STAND, with Bevelled Plateglass Back
LARGE and HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITE, consisting of double winged Wardrobe, pair Toilets, Ped. Cupboard, Towel Rail, &c.
MASSIVE BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEAD and Bedding of the best quality
SEVERAL GOOD BRUSSELS CARPETS
PERAMBULATOR, SEWING MACHINE, in good order, by Willcox and Gibbs.

Also,
VERY FINE WALNUT COTTAGE PIANOFORTE, in splendid order, by the world-renowned maker Carl Ronisch.
The present opportunity of securing one of this popular maker's instruments should be availed of by the public.

WALTER BRADLEY and CO. beg to inform ladies and gentlemen about to furnish that they will conduct the above sale of
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
at their Commodious Auction Rooms,
324 GEORGE-STREET,
THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY,
at 11 a.m.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

ON VIEW THIS MORNING PRIOR TO SALE.

INSPECTION INVITED.

The above Furniture is almost new, having been supplied by one of the best city houses early in August last year, and is now for absolute sale in consequence of M. Guirand's departure for France.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 26, at 11 o'clock a.m.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION
of
the HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE and EFFECTS
from a Large Residence at Rockdale.

By direction of A LADY WHO IS ABOUT TO LEAVE the COLONY, and under instructions from other vendors.

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, PIANOFORTES, ELECTROPLATE, Glass and China, Furniture for Dining and Drawing Rooms, Bedrooms, Entrance Hall, &c.

JAMES R. LAWSON (Messrs. Lawson and Smith) has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at
THE ROOMS, 128, 130, and 132 PITT-STREET,
near King-street,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, at 11 a.m.,
HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

MASSIVE SOLID WALNUT DINING-ROOM SUITE of nine pieces, upholstered in extra quality morocco leather
FULL TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, fluted legs, spare leaves, and patent screw, extending 8ft.
HANDSOME WALNUT OVERMANTELS, with bevelled-edged mirrors.
DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE, in bleached cane and rattan. Couches and Easy Chairs; handsome SUITS, upholstered in silk tapestry and plush.

STEINWAY UPRIGHT GRAND,
without exception one of the most valuable instruments imported to the colony. In PERFECT ORDER, having been used less than two years. Ladies and Gentlemen requiring a REALLY HIGH-CLASS PIANOFORTE should inspect the above.

Also,
SEVERAL FIRST-CLASS PIANOFORTES,
viz.,
WALNUT PIANOFORTE by SIEWERT
WALNUT PIANOFORTE by MAX STRAUSS
WALNUT PIANOFORTE by BORD
EBONISED PIANOFORTE by FRANCKI
ROSEWOOD PIANOFORTE by Stewart and Co.

EBONIZED PIANO, AUCHER FRERES.

WALNUT PIANO, COLLARD and COLLARD.

WALNUT ORGAN (Clough and Warren)
WALNUT ORGAN by Cornish and Co.

VERY HANDSOME BOOKCASE, in English Oak; Pedestal Writing Table; Revolving Bookstands, in walnut; EUGENIE and BOX OTTOMAN COUCHES, in Cretonne.
EASY CHAIRS in Cretonne
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY EFFECTS
Eureka Gas Stove, &c., &c.

HUMBER TANDEM TRICYCLE, safe and easy to ride, ball bearings, and best fittings, Brooks's saddles. Cost £15.

Also,
SEVERAL HIGH-CLASS BICYCLES.

LAWSON and SMITH'S Sale Rooms are always open for the reception of Furniture, Pianofortes, Pictures, Plate, and various Household and other Effects, to be included in the weekly and other appropriate Sales as may be desired by the vendors.
CASH ADVANCES made in anticipation of sale.

TURRAMURRA. CHERRY'S ORCHARD, adjoining TURRAMURRA STATION. POSITIVE CLEARANCE SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE GROUND, TO-MORROW, at 3.45.
HALF-ACRE BLOCKS. HALF-ACRE BLOCKS, fronting Eastern-road, King-street, and William-street.
SPLENDID SOIL, GRAND BUILDING SITES.

HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction on the Ground, TO-MORROW, at 3.45 p.m.
Lithos. on application. Torrens Title.

SOUTH ANNANDALE ESTATE. CLEARANCE SALE TO-MORROW at 3. Torrens Title. Easy Terms. Choicest Sites. Plans, W. PRITCHARD and SON, 100 King-street.

COUGHS, COLDS on the CHEST, BRONCHITIS and ASTHMA rapidly cured by HEARNE'S BRONCHITIS CURE.

Those who have taken this medicine are amazed at its wonderful influence. Sufferers from any form of bronchitis, distressing cough, difficulty of breathing, hoarseness, pains or soreness in the chest, experience delightful and immediate relief, and to those who are subject to colds on the chest it is invaluable, as it effects a complete cure. It is most comforting in allaying tickling and irritation in the throat, and giving strength to the voice, and it never allows a cough or asthma to become chronic. No house should be without it, as, taken at the beginning, a dose is generally sufficient, and a complete cure is certain.

Prepared only and sold wholesale and retail by the proprietor, W. G. HEARNE, CHEMIST, GEELONG, VICTORIA. Small sizes 2s 6d, large 4s 6d.
Sold by chemists and medical vendors. Forwarded by post to any address when not obtainable locally.

A WONDERFUL MEDICINE.

BEECHAM'S PILLS.
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BEECHAM'S PILLS. For Bilious Attacks.
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BEECHAM'S PILLS. For Wind and Pains in the Stomach.
BEECHAM'S PILLS. For Sick Headache.
BEECHAM'S PILLS. For Giddiness.
BEECHAM'S PILLS. For Fulness and Swelling after Meals.
BEECHAM'S PILLS. For Liver Complaint.
BEECHAM'S PILLS. A Wonderful Medicine for Females of all Ages.
BEECHAM'S PILLS. Are Adapted for Old and Young.
BEECHAM'S PILLS. In Boxes 9½d, 1s 1½d, and 2s 9d each.

CYCLING.

CYCLISTS' TOURING UNION.

On Sunday last the members of the Tourists' Union advanced the interests of wheeling another stage, and gave a powerful display of their energy by carrying out an excursion to Port Stephens. The proposal originated with Mr. Harold Cochrane, consul for the Maitland district. Invitations were forwarded from Maitland south, north, and west, and in almost every instance favourable replies were received. Mr. Cochrane was assisted in the arrangements by Mr. Richardson, union consul for Raymond Terrace, and the efforts put forward by these gentlemen were crowned with success. A fairly large contingent of members of the union proceeded from Sydney to Newcastle by train on Saturday, and journeyed on to Raymond Terrace by wheel during the afternoon. The Hunter River township (Raymond Terrace) was made the rendezvous at which the collective forces should unite. On Sunday morning wheelmen from Newcastle, East and West Maitland, Morpeth, and Singleton rode to the meeting point, and at a few minutes after 7 o'clock the party, numbering 80, set out for Sawyer's Point. The distance was 17½ miles, 12 miles being along the Stroud or North Coast road, and the balance via a comparatively new road to the mouth of the Karuah River. In the party there were 10 ladies and a lad of about 9 or 10 years of age. The ride proved very pleasant, as the North Coast road was in excellent condition, and the morning was bright and favourable. The party reached Sawyer's Point shortly after 9 o'clock. Within half an hour the excursionists had boarded the steamer Tahlee, which was in waiting, and at 10 o'clock were steaming down the harbour. After proceeding to some of the most interesting points of the bay the party were afforded a fine view of the residence and grounds of the Hon. R. H. D. White. The estate looked remarkably well in the bright weather and aroused the admiration of the whole party. The surveyed township of Carrington, set out by the Australian Agricultural Company many years ago, formed another very pretty object for inspection. The steamer carried the visitors to the Myall River, and then across inside the heads to Nelson's Bay. At this point they landed and proceeded to the Seabreeze Hotel for dinner. After lunching 30 of the party rejoined the steamer and were conveyed to the outer lighthouse, the landing being effected in a fisherman's boat. The cyclists were photographed and then inspected the lighthouse under the guidance of the official in charge. From the heads the steamer returned to Nelson's Bay, where the main body were taken on board again and the return trip was pleasantly negotiated. They arrived at Sawyer's Point at a quarter to 8 o'clock, and the party travelling slowly got back to Raymond Terrace by moonlight. The Sydney visitors and a small number of the Northern wheelmen remained at this point for the night, but the majority, after spending half an hour socially, resumed their homeward journeys. With the exception of a very few minor inconveniences, the ride was all that could have been desired. The arrangements were conducted on a perfect system, nothing needful to the comfort of the visitors having been overlooked. Refreshments of all kinds were dispensed by a staff of waitresses on board the steamer, and the accommodation at the different halting places was ample. At the hotel at Nelson's Bay cordial votes of thanks were conveyed to Messrs. Cochrane and Richardson and to Mr. Baker, secretary of the union, for the untiring efforts those gentlemen had made in the interests of the visitors.

THE MARCH CARNIVAL.

None but those who have been behind the scenes can have the remotest idea of the large amount of labour attached to the working of one of the league's gigantic race meetings, the number of circulars to be sent out, and the preparation of the many little details required. The carnival this year is perhaps the largest that the league has yet held, and Mr. Hunter, the general secretary, is having an exceptionally lively time of it; but with the methodical system in use everything is going along splendidly. Mr. Hunter and his staff of clerks, together with Messrs. Corben, Williams, and W. H. Kavanagh, are working every night until near midnight. Mr. Townsend, who has charge of the colour regulation, has a particularly lively time over the allotment of the new colours, but, though the rush is great, everything is going off well. All these officers are working very hard, and devoting a lot of their time purely for the benefit of the league, and their efforts deserve to be crowned with every success. The feature of the meeting is the wonderful Frenchman, Lesna, who carries with him quite an army of pacing machines. He has a quintet, three quads, four triplets, and two tandems, and he brings with him a steersman for each machine. Some idea of this gigantic pacing can be obtained when it is known that the league will have to provide each day 31 men to mount these wheels. Then, in addition to this great team, there is the famous Dunlop pacing team, which the Dunlop Company are specially sending over from Melbourne. These in themselves are a small army. There are two quads and six triplets, so it can be seen that any rider who wants pace can get it fast and furious. The New South Wales records will all get a terrible shaking, for behind such pace the figures must come down with a terrible jump. Properly-paced races have not yet been seen here, so that there is something new for those who take an interest in cycle racing. Competitors can obtain their tickets and registered numbers to-day at the league rooms. The members of the league are determined that in addition to good sport there shall be good music, for they have engaged 27 members of the Permanent Artillery Band for each day and night's racing. We published yesterday the handicaps, except that for the Metropolitan Mile, which were obtainable last night, and which are as follows:—

Lesna, Edwards, Green, Reynolds, Martin, Porta, Walne, Kellow, K. Lewis, scratch; Kuhle, 10 yards; Healy, Megson, Payne, R. W. Lewis, 15; M'Combe, Meadham, 20; A. O'Brien, A. Chapman, 40; Harkins, Hodgkinson, 55; J. M'Innes, O. Prowse, 60; F. Simpson, F. Fowles, H. E. Hardy, 65; F. Prowse, 70; L. Congdon, W. Neilson, 80; O. Irish, F. Rathgen, 85; H. Harris, A. Thompson, A. Graeme, C. Miller, J. Bradbury, 90; L. Barker, R. Adrian, T. Johnston, R. Mutton, 95; F. Gregory, 100; C. Chapman, A. Railton, J. C. Johnston, 110; D. Smith, A. Smith, J. J. Brady, O. De Lissa, 115; J. Farrell, N. Peters, 120; J. H. Rennie, A. Wylie, A. Shilling, L. Middows, 125; W. Sinclair, A. Rutter, F. Hawley, W. Matthews, J. T. Scott, 130; H. Shepherd, W. Bailey, C. Lester, V. Doyle, F. Rundle, D. Scrymgour, 135; H. Knight, J. Cleary, E. Crossland, F. Taylor, G. A. Campbell, 140; G. Porter, W. Ternan, 145; J. Normoyle, W. Kinsela, S. Fallick, C. Jorgenson, 150; A. Knight, 155; A. G. Roberts, E. Cook, 160; J. Stuart, A. Carter, F. Eichler, 180; T. Barkell, 185; J. Buck, 270.

The executive has made an important alteration which competitors should well remember. The Electric Handicap, which was originally set down for the 10th March, is to be run on the 4th March.

BALMAIN BICYCLE CLUB.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Balmain Bicycle Club was held on Monday evening last at Allan's Hotel, Darling-street, Balmain, Mr. R. B. Hartley in the chair, and a large gathering of members being present. The secretary's report showed that the club had had a very successful season, and a marked increase in the membership, the total now being 38 members. The financial statement was also in every way satisfactory, showing a substantial credit balance. The club runs were fairly well attended, and some very pleasant runs participated in. Several of the members had been successful on the track and road, especially in the case of E. B. Kershaw, who won the test race held in Sydney in July, and was selected as one of the New South Wales representatives to take part in the championship sports held in Brisbane shortly after, where he was fairly successful. Mr. R. B. Hartley had also been successful on the track, and secured several valuable trophies. Mr. A. E. Spriggs secured second prize in the 50 miles Rover road race, held on 12th September last, being beaten by 59 seconds only for first place. F. Pontey and C. Gates were also prize-winners on the track. The club held a very successful road race over the St. Peters-Sans Souci course on the 29th August. Dr. C. U. Carruthers, Messrs. G. C. Murdock, E. Turner, and A. C. J. Wood generously donating to the prize fund. C. L. Havens secured first prize, £3 3s, open order; R. B. Hartley, second prize, silver cup (generously donated by Dr. Wilson), and E. O'Keefe, third prize, £1 1s, open order. A very important change was made in the early part of the season, viz., changing of the colours (navy blue and silver) to the universal Balmain colours of black and gold. The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:—President, Dr. C. U. Carruthers; vice-presidents, Dr. Wilson, Messrs. E. H. Buchanan, W. H. Wilks, M.L.A., G. C. Murdock, E. Turner, J. C. Mills, A. C. J. Wood, M. A. H. Fitzhardinge, and Captain Broomfield; captain, Mr. G. Corkhill; vice-captain, A. Lemm; hon. secretary, A. E. Spriggs; hon. treasurer, F. L. Martin; committee, Messrs. A. Kane, R. B. Hartley, F. Pontey, P. Grimes, and A. Chowne; delegates to the union, Messrs. G. Corkhill, A. E. Spriggs, H. E. Robinson, and A. Lemm.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MARTIN.
RESIGNATION OF THE STEWARDS.

Evidently the League of Victorian Wheelmen are in great trouble over the council's action in reversing the decision of the stewards, who disqualified Martin for two years. The racing board met to appoint officials for races which commence to-morrow. They set aside Mr. J. R. Cathie from the position of referee and appointed Mr. J. X. Woods, and reappointed all the stewards who were concerned in the disqualification of Martin. They refused to be complimented in this manner, and have resigned in a body, at the same time forwarding to the chairman of the league the following letter:—

"Sir,—As the decision of your council in reference to the appeal of W. Martin is tantamount to a verdict of incompetency against the stewards who disqualified him, and as a considerable section of your council displays no honest desire to assist its officials in their endeavours to purify and control bicycle racing, we, as conscientious men, cannot consent to act either as stewards or officials at race meetings until such time as a proper tribunal for hearing appeals is appointed.

"This resignation is not the outcome of any spleen or disappointment, but is the inevitable corollary to your council's decision, and while we regret being forced to adopt such a course, we would remind you that we were selected to fill our present positions because of our knowledge and experience—that we have ever acted wholly and solely in the interests of the sport and without bias or malice.

"We have never derived the slightest pecuniary or other advantage from our connection with the sport, but have cheerfully spent both time and money to help in preserving it from contaminating influences, and it is unreasonable to ask that our decisions should be subjected to reversal or review by your council, which is largely composed of men having very limited cycling experience, and who freely admit that they are entirely ignorant of the intricacies of cycle racing.

"We have also to complain of the treatment meted out to us at the council table, where, we submit, we should appear as witnesses, and not as defendants, and we would remind your council that no self-respecting man can be expected to expose himself to the open insults and vile innuendoes which were permitted to pass unchecked at the recent appeal.—We are, yours obediently, Thomas G. Williams, Joseph X. Wood, R. M. K. Gollan, judges; Thomas J. Comber, clerk of course; Walter Denyer, Charles Pickering, Alfred E. Gray, R. J. Russell, H. R. Ford, H. J. Rowe, umpires."

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS REVISED TO DATE.

Lesna, the Frenchman, has been playing havoc with Australian records in Melbourne and Adelaide, and he now holds them all except the quarter-mile flying start and the mile standing start. The revised records now stand as follows, and these Lesna will endeavour to lower in Sydney at the March carnival of the league:—

Distance.		Time.		Date.	Cyclist.	Ridden.
m.	yds.	m.	s.			
¼*	..	0	26 1-5	21 Dec., '96	K. Lewis	Adelaide
½*	..	0	53 4-5	9 Feb., '97	L. Lesna	Victoria
1*	..	1	49 3-5	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
1†	..	1	58 4-5	27 Feb., '96	J. Parsons	Adelaide
2*	..	4	8 1-5	20 Feb., '97	L. Lesna	Ditto
3†	..	6	10	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
4†	..	8	20	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
5	..	9	59	13 Feb., '97	Ditto	Ditto
6	..	12	26 3-5	17 Feb., '97	Ditto	Ditto
7	..	14	31 1-5	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
8	..	16	37	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
9	..	18	43 2-5	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
10	..	20	7	13 Feb., '97	Ditto	Ditto
15	..	31	47 4-5	17 Feb., '97	Ditto	Ditto
20	..	42	52 3-5	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
25	..	54	8	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
27	1162	1 hour		Ditto	Ditto	Ditto

*Flying start; †Standing start.

Cycling seems to be going ahead by leaps and bounds in Victoria, as a perusal of the following race meetings will show:—St. Patrick's Day, 17th March; Donald Athletic Club, prize money £18; St. Arnaud, £32; Minyip, £26; Seymour, £15; Benalla, £51; Geelong, £85, including a St. Patrick's Handicap for prizes of £50, £7, £3; Melbourne Exhibition, £100, including a St. Patrick Wheel Race with £35, £15, £5. Broadford Athletic Club, 13th March, prize money £19. Druids' Gala, 19th, 22nd, 24th April, at the Exhibition Building, prize money £469. The Druids' Wheel Race, which is the chief event, carries prizes of £125, £45, £10, with £20 for heat winners. The Eight-hour Committee on 17th April offer £415. The principal event is the Anniversary Wheel Race, with a first prize of £200, second £100, and third £35. The Australian Natives' Association, Daylesford, hold their meeting on 19th April, Easter Monday, with prize money amounting to £50. The Terang Friendly Society hold their meeting on the same date, with prize money amounting to £31. The racing men, therefore, should reap a harvest during the next few months.

Porta, the popular Italian rider, is again to the front, and is amongst the foremost riders of Australia. He added the 10-mile championship of Australasia to his already long list of victories last Saturday, defeating Martin, Walne, Lesna, and all the cracks. At the last lap he was going well in one of his long, tireless sprints, and although Martin, who was eager to avenge past defeats, made his machine fairly jump as he flew after the Italian, the latter held command to the finish, and won brilliantly by a foot; Walne was third, and the French champion, Lesna, finished seventh. Porta has now won the 25-mile championship of Victoria and 10-mile championship of Australasia.

An action of some interest to cyclists was recently fought out at the Daylesford Police Court, Victoria. It appears that Mr. Richard Molloy, J.P., of Franklinford, near Daylesford, drove his buggy on the wrong side of the road, and thereby ran Dr. Willis, a cyclist, into the fence. The police took proceedings against the justice of the peace, and he was fined for driving on the wrong side of the road. Dr. Willis commenced a County Court action against Molloy, claiming damages. The case was amicably settled, however, Molloy paying the doctor £20 for all demands. This habit of driving cyclists off the highway has cost this offender about £30, so that it should be a lesson to others in the future and teach them to concede a fair share of the thoroughfare to the cyclists.

THE CENTENNIAL PARK AND BICYCLISTS.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—This extensive and beautiful park is now becoming the Rotten Row of Sydney, and is much frequented by riders of horses and bicycles and people in carriages, on account of the comparatively level nature of the wide paths and their freedom from the general traffic of the streets. Latterly bicycles have been in the great majority, more especially so on moonlight nights, and it is to a great danger, that is becoming more and more apparent, I desire to draw the attention of the park authorities. The danger is from the number of men, and even ladies, who ride in the park at night without lights. I have counted at various times from 12 to 25 people rushing round the park without their lamps being lighted. Now, Sir, there might be some degree of safety if they all rode in one direction; but when riding along you suddenly hear someone whizz past who was only visible when passing, or suddenly turn a corner and fly in front of your machine, there can be no doubt of the effect this will have upon a nervous lady or man, more especially if they are only beginners. There have been numerous accidents to my knowledge from this cause both to riders and their machines. This practice could be easily stopped by placing constables at the Queen, Ocean, Cleveland, street and Randwick gates for a few evenings to arrest all bicyclists who enter without lights, and cause them to be sharply fined in court.

I am, &c., A BICYCLIST.

SWIMMING.

At the last committee meeting of the East Sydney Swimming Club it was decided to send Mr. Percy Cavill, the half and one mile champion of Australasia, to Melbourne to take part, on behalf of the club, at the forthcoming championship gala of the Melbourne Swimming Club, to be held at St. Kilda on Saturday, 13th March. The principal events to be contested are the 440 and 880 yards championships of Victoria, both of which events are at present held by Mr. Cavill.

The Randwick and Coogee Club held a 64 Yards Obstacle Race on Wednesday night at the Coogee Aquarium Baths. The competitors had to swim with empty kerosene tins soldered up (which were very buoyant), navigate them under planks, dive for stones, and deliver them at the half-way, then return with the tins, using the one hand in swimming. The first heat resulted in a tie, the winners being P. Stephenson and O'Dowd. The second heat was won by A. Cameron, with A. Southward second. In the final Southward won comfortably, with O'Dowd next. Mr. F. A. Randle (hon. secretary) acted as starter and judge. The event was for a prize presented by Mr. T. M. Alcock.

Touching the late distance diving championship, a correspondent writes:—"The condition of three of the competitors on reaching the surface after their efforts in this event last Saturday at Coogee has brought forth a lot of comment as to whether the association should still continue to support this branch of the natatorial art. Several times instances have been recorded of submarine swimmers becoming unconscious in the water after completing a long dive, and having to be rescued. Lyons, although he put up a fresh Australasian record of 90 yards on Saturday, two days before in essaying a trial had to be fished out after doing 87 yards. On Saturday he appeared a little dazed after his dive, and Harry Wylie, in beating his past Australasian record of 85 yards by four more, was in a still worse condition. Connelly, who sank after swimming 84 yards, illustrated again the necessity of something being done to abolish this contest; and the fact that the English association effaced it from their list of championship events years ago is sufficient to prove that they recognised the danger in encouraging the same. It is a matter for doctors to judge upon as to whether a man coming up in an unconscious condition, if he had the slightest trouble with his heart, would not meet with a tragic end. We have it on the authority of one of the contestants that all these submarine performers utterly detest having to dive such long distances, but they are urged on so much by their club-mates to try and pull off the honour on behalf of their club if possible that they consent. The matter is to be brought under the council's notice at their next meeting by one of the contestants, Mr. J. R. Wallace, who completed 76 yards on Saturday, and who is one of the delegates of the Randwick and Coogee Club. Mr. Wallace, in giving notice of motion to have this championship eliminated, can well speak from experience. He says the general consensus of opinion on Saturday last was that the record had arrived at such a stage as to make it too risky for the association to encourage still further records, and the condition of three of the competitors confirmed most people that such contests were prejudicial to health.

The following are the handicaps for the General Post Office 100 Yards Inter-club Handicap:—

First heat: F. L. Power, 24 seconds; A. Russell, 22; C. Bristowe, 16; Callaghan, 20; C. Regan, T. Anderson, 15. Second heat: E. W. Sharp, 21 seconds; J. Darcy, 23; J. Mulcahy, 20; J. Woods, 19; C. Madden, J. Shepherd, 13. Third heat: S. Weaver, 28 seconds; W. H. Brown, 22; E. Hellings, H. Gillies, 20; J. M'Hugh, 18; W. Regan, 14. Fourth heat: T. Hopkinson, 28 seconds; H. A. Wilson, 20; W. Batten, 24; P. Stevenson, 23; C. Ryles, 17; F. Wigg, 16. Fifth heat: W. Bale, 28 seconds; W. Breen, 24; J. Seale, J. M'Queen, 23; T. Gillespie, 16; J. Tooher, 14. Sixth heat: A. J. Johnson, 22 seconds; W. Phelan, C. Healey, 20; A. Wilson, 17; J. Clark, 16; D. Gillies, R. White, 13. Seventh heat: C. Braun, 26 seconds; F. R. Larkin, 25; A. Christian, 24; A. Johnson, 23; C. Robbins, 20; W. Holloway, T. Banks, 17. Eighth heat: S. Binder, 29 seconds; W. Prosser, C. Olliffe, 27; W. Robbins, J. Hawe, 22; T. Wedderburn, 19. Ninth heat: E. Schafter, 25 seconds; A. Munrow, 22; J. Dalton, 21; W. Cohrane, 20; A. J. Pratt, 18; E. Pryor, 14; J. O'Grady, 13. Tenth heat: R. E. Sills, 35 seconds; S. L. Hosie, 27; W. A. Beard, 22; J. Treanor, 21; W. Murden, 20; W. Ryan, 19; H. Morrison, 17. Eleventh heat: J. Banner, 28 seconds; L. Waterman, E. O'Dowd, 24; C. Abbott, 19; F. J. Flaherty, W. Shirley, 17.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

ASHFIELD V. I. RIFLE CLUB.

The above club held its second shooting for the present quarter at Flemington Rifle Range on Saturday, the 20th instant, when the following scores were made. Handicap limit, 58 points; ranges, 500 and 600 yards:—

Corporal Bignall, scratch, 32, 27—total, 59; Corporal Birse, 4 points, 29, 28—58; Private Moyes, 7 points, 25, 26—58; Private Devine, 12 points, 22, 20—58; Captain Croker, 16 points, 27, 16—58; Private Blunden, 7 points, 25, 19—56; Private Whitham, 9 points, 25, 22—56; Private Newton, 1 point, 26, Chapple, 4 points, 27, 19—50; Private Thornton, 4 points, 27, 18—49; Private 28—49; Private Thornton, 4 points, 27, 18—49; Corporal Bartlett, 5 points, Miller, 22 points, 15, 12—49; Corporal Bartlett, 5 points, 23, 19—47; L. Corporal Lawton, 16 points, 10, 14—40; Private Barbour, 25 points, 9, 6—40; Sergeant Croker, 9 points, 12, 13—28.

RUSHCUTTER BAY.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Few people, it appears, are aware of the circumstances from which the above locality derived its name, and the suggestions that one may hear put forward in explanation of its origin are as erroneous as they are absurd. I beg, therefore, that you will insert in your journal the following extract taken from Flanagan's "History of New South Wales," vol. 1, p. 38, which refers to the affairs of the colony in the year 1788:—"The month of May was marked by some unfortunate affrays with the natives. . . . Two other men who were sent to a bay to the eastward of the city to cut rushes were found dead by a party who were sent to seek them when their protracted absence occasioned doubts as to their safety. The dead bodies were covered with spear wounds. From this circumstance the place was called Rushcutters Bay."

I am, &c.,
HEDLEY V. O'MEAGHER.
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SYDNEY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the finance committee of the City Council was held yesterday afternoon. There were present Aldermen Ives (Mayor), Buckle, Dean, Rainford, Hart, Lees, M.L.C., M. Harris, M.L.A., J. Harris, M. and H. Chapman, Landers, Smail, Hegan, Booth, Beare, Burdekin, Waine, Taylor, Jessep, M.L.A., Johnston, and Jeanneret.

PETITION.

Alderman Rainford presented a petition asking for the removal of a fence in Macquarie-street South, on the ground that the fence was an obstruction.

It was decided to have a report on the matter.

NEW MARKETS STATUARY.

Alderman M. Harris complained of the mode of judging the statuary groups for the new markets, also of the variation in size of the models, the bad light of the vestibule where the statuary was placed, and of the models being photographed and labels put on them.

The Mayor said there was no attempt made to disguise the models when taken to the Town Hall, as they were brought by the owners. It was usual to photograph the models.

LATE CITY TREASURER.

The Mayor said he had attended that morning at the Central Criminal Court, and Speer, when called upon, pleaded guilty, and through his barrister, Mr. Wise, completely exonerated everyone connected with the office and the officers of the bank of having any knowledge of his wrongdoing. (Hear, hear.) Speer was sentenced to six years' penal servitude. The Crown prosecutor, on behalf of the corporation, applied for £500 to be set aside from the estate of Speer towards recuperating the council. Mr. Justice Cohen made an order that the amount be paid, and in the event of it being paid he would recommend a remission of one year of the sentence.

Alderman H. Chapman asked what steps were taken to recover the £2000 guarantee.

The Mayor said immediately he discovered the deficiency, in accordance with the insurance policy he sent for the officer and furnished him with a copy of the accounts. Nothing could be done until the prosecution closed. Now whatever remained to be done he would do. (Hear, hear.)

Alderman Johnston asked what had been done in the matter of considering the position with the bank.

The Mayor said the two questions could not be taken at once, and that matter would be dealt with.

CITY RATE.

Alderman M. Chapman moved,—"That the city rate for 1897 be 1s 4d in the £."

Alderman Burdekin moved an amendment,—"That the rate be 1s 5d." He did not suppose that a discussion on this matter could be more disagreeable to any man than it was to him. Unfortunately he had to pay a very large sum in rates. (Alderman Jessep: "Fortunately.") The estimated revenue was put down at £167,000, and the indebtedness at £173,000. What was the use of playing with a thing of this sort? The rate proposed would raise £133,000, which with £34,000 from miscellaneous receipts would have a deficiency of over £6000 at the end of the year. Had not they better make it 1s 5d? A Voice: "Lessen the expenditure." Hear, hear.) Of course it would be a very serious thing for property owners, but he preferred to be straightforward and put on the extra 1d. If they could not pay their way with 1s 4d was it not child's play to have that rate? He thought no one would be more pleased than he if they could reduce the rate to 1s.

Alderman Jeanneret opposed the amendment in view of the difficulty in letting houses, great reduction of profits of all sources, wages, and less employment. They had a right to expect the city would exercise more economy. The only way to do that was to have all their work done by contract. If they did that they would save between £10,000 and £20,000 yearly. Their expenses must be lessened. It was extravagance to pay old men 7s a day for street sweeping. Six shillings would be a fair pay for the work, and they could not find that kind of employment paid for at more than 6s by any other council in Australia.

Alderman J. Harris said they had lost an income of £4000 on the trams and railways. They might get that back. He thought the suggestion of Alderman Burdekin was a very good one. Perhaps next year they would have a better remedy.

Alderman M. Harris thought if they increased the rate the whole of the public would be up in arms.

The motion was carried, Alderman Burdekin was the only voter for the amendment.

STREETS' NAMES.

It was decided to alter the name of Little Bristol-street to Poplar-street. A proposition to change the name of Wexford-street to Graham-street was negatived.

REFUSE DESTRUCTOR.

It was resolved to recommend to the council the adoption of a site chosen at Moore Park for the refuse destructor, and to call for tenders for the work.

THE TUMUT SHOW.

TUMUT, Thursday.

The twenty-second annual show of the Agricultural and Pastoral Association was a great success. The second day had the largest attendance yet recorded, over 2300 visitors being present. The horse stalls—especially in the jumping contests—proved a great attraction to-day. The awards were:—

Horse Section.—Blood: H. Murphy, G. F. Grey, H. W. Mason, J. Madigan, W. D. O'Brien, P. Halloran. Draught: J. Butler, T. Campbell, E. Brennan. Heavy draught: H. Wilson, J. Kell, E. G. Bridle. Farm horses: T. Flood. Pair of carriage horses: A. Broughton. Pair of buggy horses: Yabtree estate. Gent.'s hackney: Yabtree Estate, 1; Grey Brothers, 2. Ponies: C. Howell, 1. Pair of ponies: J. Raven. Best yearling colt, blood: Grey Brothers. Yearling draught gelding: H. Wilson. Maiden hack: R. Broughton. Pair of hacks: R. Broughton, 1; C. Howell, 2. Ladies' hunter: Grey Brothers, 1; A. Clee, 2. Gent.'s maiden hunter: H. Mason, 1; H. Gray, 2; C. Howell, 3; four-hand ponies, Mr. Casher.

Cattle.—Durhams: E. Brennan, C. Byrne, W. Clemson, J. Ryan. Herefords: A. Davis. Devons: J. Raven. Ayrshires: Mrs. Gordon. Jerseys: H. Mason. Heifer, any breed: W. Clemson. Cow with calf: C. Byrne. Dairy cattle: T. Bridle, E. Brennan. Fats: E. Brennan. Shorthorn heifer: C. Byrne, 1; W. Clemson, 2. Champion Durham bull: E. Brennan. Ditto cow with calf: W. Clemson. Dairy cow, tried on the ground: E. G. Bridle.

Sheep.—Merino, fine wool: James Robinson, 1; E. Brennan, 2. Coarse wool: James M'Gregor, 1; A. H. Watts, 2; T. G. Bridle, 3. Fat: G. Last, 1; E. Brennan, 2.

Agricultural Implements and Machinery. A. G. Sturt, J. Hill, A. Davis, H. W. Mason, Owen Dowling, P. Roger. Waggon, any maker: George T. Bennett, South Creek. Buggy: Boston and Sons. Best farm waggon: James Claffey. Best weight-carrying box waggon: N. Johnson.

Farm Produce.—Maize: E. Purcell, E. G. Bridle, James Purcell, D. Crampton. Oats: Thomas O'Hehir, George Clout, J. Hoad, E. G. Bridle. Barley, English: G. Clout; Cape, Thomas O'Hehir. Rye, English: W. Butler. Sorghum: D. Crampton. Broom millet, feed pumpkins: G. Green. Hay, lucerne: J. J. Hood; oaten, Alex. Davis; wheaten, J. Hoad. Three special prizes for best bag of milling wheat: James Claffey, Alex. Davis, and A. Sturt. Best bag of wheat (weight): J. O'Hehir. Purple straw: T. O'Hehir, Lammas, G. Clout. Three bushels maize by weight: J. Hoad, 1; A. Davis, 2; E. G. Bridle, 3.

In the horticultural classes the chief awards were—D. Crampton, J. Casey, G. K. Green, J. E. Bridle. Fruits: J. Bridle, T. O'Hehir, G. Green, Shelley Brothers, A. E. Watts. Dried fruits: G. K. Green. Honey: A. Sturt, T. Smith. Butter: H. W. Mason. Bottled fruits; Mrs. C. L. Ramsay. Best collection bottled fruits, jams, and jellies: Mrs. W. Clout and Mrs. J. Hill.

The Chicago City Council has passed an ordinance making the wearing of women's hats in theatres a misdemeanour. The ordinance imposes a fine of [illegible] for the offence, not on the woman, but on the manager of the theatre who allows hats to be worn.

THE TICK PLAGUE.

HORSES AS CARRIERS OF INFECTION.

A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

A discovery of the utmost importance bearing upon the spread of the tick plague has been made in Queensland. It has generally been assumed that the horse was immune from the malady which is known to arise from the tick, and that, therefore, although a horse might act as a carrier of the tick, such tick would, because of some peculiar property in the blood of the animal, be deprived of its power to give rise to what is variously known as redwater, Texas fever, and tick fever. Involved in this question was the one of what was it that caused tick fever or redwater,—Was it caused by the tick itself or did it arise from some parasite or micro-organism which made the tick its host? The freedom of the horse from attack by the disease has generally been conceded; but what was not quite so clear was the question, "Did the mere fact of a horse having acted as the carrier of a tick deprive the tick of the power to produce the disease known as redwater?" Experts in America say that not the slightest apprehension need be feared of a horse acting as a carrier of a tick which, after being so carried, would have power to produce the malady which has already led to such heavy mortality among cattle in Queensland. America is the country from which definite knowledge upon all phases of the tick subject is always sought, and it is generally supposed that whatever conditions govern or control the spread of the pest in that country would necessarily apply to this. But investigations which have recently been conducted in Queensland have shown conclusively that the history of the tick in the two countries is not in all respects identical. In America, for instance, it has been well established that there is no danger of the horse acting as a carrier of ticks which, after being borne by the horse, would occasion any disease among cattle. This fact has been known in Australia for some time. Nevertheless, to leave not the slightest room for doubt on the matter, the Minister for Mines of this colony recently took steps with a view to getting authoritative information on the point. The Department of Agriculture in the United States was asked by cable whether any restrictions were placed on horses passing from tick-infested country in Texas into uninfested country in other states, and whether there was any instance of horses which had ticks upon them infecting cattle which were in clean country. That inquiry was made so recently as the 13th instant. On the 22nd an answer was received to the effect that the Secretary for Agriculture for the United States stated that, in regard to the existence of the tick plague, no restrictions were placed upon horses, but horses were freely shipped from tick-infested country to all other parts of the country. It was added that no instance had ever been reported in America of the tick disease having been disseminated by horses. Whilst this correspondence was passing between New South Wales and America, Government experts in Queensland were conducting investigations which had for their object the proving beyond the slightest doubt whether horses could by any possibility carry infection from an unclean to a clean district. And the day following that on which such cheering authoritative news was received from America the result of the labours of the Queensland experts was conveyed to Mr. Sydney Smith. It showed that, whether it was due to climatic influences or whatever it might arise from, the experience of the two parts of the world in that respect did not agree. In Queensland a certain island was selected for the experiments, which were undertaken for the purpose of proving absolutely whether the progeny of ticks that had matured on a horse would convey tick fever to cattle. On this island were a horse and cow which were used for the making of the experiments, and it is stated that there was not any other stock on the island. The Chief Inspector of Stock for Queensland reported that a cow infected with a tick which had matured on the horse had developed an acute attack of tick fever. Mr. Sydney Smith considers that this discovery will render it necessary for the utmost watchfulness to be observed to prevent the tick infection being carried by horses. The information which he had received from the Stock Department of Queensland had been confirmed by Mr. Tozer, Home Secretary for Queensland, who called upon him yesterday and supplied him with a most valuable map dealing with the existence of the tick plague and showing at a glance precisely what portions of Queensland were affected, the quarantine boundary, the headquarters of the several inspectors and the areas in which they exercise jurisdiction, the dips that had been established, the compulsory stock routes, the rabbit-proof fences, and the areas in which cattle were dying. The map had evidently been prepared with the utmost care, and it would be invaluable to his department. He was not only indebted to the Stock Department of Queensland for this map, but also for the frank and complete way in which they took him into their confidence relative to all that transpired in that colony bearing upon the tick plague. Indeed, he must say that the attitude of Queensland in the matter was a most patriotic one—a patriotism which had regard not merely to the interests of one but the interests of the Australian colonies as a whole. Little apprehension need be felt of the tick enlarging its territory without our speedily becoming aware of the fact, because even supposing the officials of Queensland relaxed their vigilance—a circumstance that was extremely improbable—there was a kind of buffer state between the infested portion of Queensland and this colony, the southern portion of Queensland, to the residents of which it was of the utmost consequence that the spread of the tick should be prevented as far as was possible. If occasion ever arose for alarm it would be that portion of Queensland which would necessarily make a loud outcry because of the interests which it had at stake. At present the quarantine boundary was distant about 400 miles from the nearest portion of New South Wales. Between the quarantine line and the northern boundary of this colony was a large strip of absolutely clean country. All cattle coming across our border had to pass through a crush, and in passing through were subject to inspection, and of course if any proved to be tick-infested they would be stopped. An agitation had been got up with a view to inducing him to substitute dips for the crushes, but he preferred to rely upon the crushes as to the beneficial operation of which there could be no doubt whatever. If dips were to be established, then he thought the best place to establish them would be on the line of rabbit-proof fencing, which was distant 130 miles from our northern boundary. If, however, there was likely to be any extension of the tick plague, it would, he thought, be via the coastal districts south of Rockhampton, because it had been proved that the tick had a decided partiality for the coast districts. It preferred the humid atmosphere of the coast to the drying and destructive heat of the interior. It was in those coastal districts that the need for the utmost vigilance was felt.

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LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, February 25.

In Banco.—(*Before the* Chief Justice, *Mr. Justice* Stephen, *and Mr. Justice* Owen.)

M'MAHON V. BREWER AND OTHERS (PART HEARD).

The Attorney-General (Mr J. H. Want, Q.C.) and Mr. Langer Owen, instructed by Messrs. Allen, Allen, and Hemsley, appeared for the appellant bank; Mr. Lingen and Mr. Harvey, instructed by Messrs. Makinson and Plunkett, for the plaintiff (respondent); and Mr. Adrian Knox, instructed by Mr. Elliot Meyer, for the defendant, Anne Gregan. This was an appeal on behalf of the Bank of New South Wales against the decision of Mr. Justice Manning on the 8th December, in Equity, declaring among other things that the defendant bank was liable to refund the sum of £552 10s, which was misappropriated by Edmund Campbell Brewer, who was at the time manager of the Waverley branch of the bank, from a trust account, which consisted of a one-third interest in the estate of Thomas Gregan, deceased. This interest plaintiff in the suit was entitled to as administrator of the estate of his late wife. The cheque representing the £552 10s, though purporting to be signed by Mrs. Anne Gregan, widow of the testator and co-trustee with Brewer of the trust estate, was not signed by her, but by Brewer, who wrote her name without her authority or knowledge. An outline of the case has already been given, and the bank appealed mainly on the ground that the breach of trust was committed or intended to be committed by Brewer for his own private ends, and not for the general or special benefit of the defendant bank, and that knowledge of its manager's fraud upon the trust estate could not be imputed to the defendant bank.

The argument on the point at issue was continued and concluded, and the Court reserved judgment.

In Equity.—(*Before Mr. Justice* A. H. Simpson.)

Re George Walter Blanks and Bernard Lefebure v. William Alexander Oakley. Mr. Loxton, instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Gordon, instructed by Messrs. Laurence and M'Lachlan, for the defendant. This was a suit to set aside two assignments of patents made by the plaintiffs in favour of the defendant; and also to secure an order from the Judge to restrain the defendant from selling, assigning, alienating, or otherwise dealing with the letters of registration or the plaintiffs' interest in the letters patent, or for applying for or receiving any of the moneys accruing from the sale of the patent in England. The case for the plaintiffs was that they were the inventors of an improved dry-press brickmaking machine called the Invicta, for which they took out letters of registration in New South Wales. They also held a seven-twelfths interest in letters patent granted in connection in England, France, Germany, and the United States of America. On the 20th February, 1895, the plaintiffs by a memorandum of assignment, and for the alleged consideration of £50, assigned their interest in the letters patent in England, France, Germany, and the United States of America to the defendant. By a memorandum of assignment executed on the 5th June, 1893, the plaintiffs, for the alleged consideration of £10, also assigned to the defendant the letters of registration, with all rights contained in them. The plaintiffs stated, however, that no consideration was given by the defendant for the assignments. They stipulated, and the defendant agreed, that he would reassign the letters of registration to them whenever called upon to do so. At a later stage William Henry Herbert went to England to negotiate the sale of the patent rights. The plaintiffs had learned that Mr. Herbert had already sold, or was about to sell, the patent rights. The defendant had given notice to Herbert to pay him the proceeds of the sale. Although the plaintiffs had repeatedly applied to Oakley to reassign to them the letters of registration he declined to do so, and for the first time now claimed to be the absolute owner of the patent rights. In these circumstances the plaintiffs were afraid that unless the defendant was restrained by injunction he would dispose of, or encumber the letters of registration of the plaintiffs' interest in the letters patent and expend the moneys already received, or to be received, by William Henry Herbert in connection with the sale of the patent rights in England.

The defendant, in answer to these allegations, denied the statement that no consideration was given by him for the assignments, or that he agreed to hold the letters patent and letters of registration in trust for the plaintiffs. As a matter of fact, he gave £50 and £10 as the full value of the assignments, and the letters patent and letters of registration were accordingly assigned to him. Subsequent to the assignments he (Oakley) empowered Herbert to negotiate for the sale of the patent rights, and it was true that Herbert had made a sale before the present proceedings were commenced. Defendant averred that ever since the assignments he claimed to be the absolute owner of the patents, and that his ownership had been recognised. In view of these circumstances he asked that the case should be dismissed, with costs.

The case stands part heard.

In Divorce.—(*Before Mr. Justice* Simpson.)

FALLON V. FALLON.

Mr. M'Donell (of Messrs. M'Donell and Moffitt) appeared for the petitioner Bridget Fallon, in the suit for judicial separation against her husband, James Joseph Fallon, and moved for an order for the payment into court of a sum of money sufficient to meet the petitioner's costs of the suit. Mr. Blacket, instructed by Mr. W. P. Crick, appeared for the respondent. Petitioner also asked for a continuation of the injunction to restrain respondent from parting with the license of the Steyne Hotel, Manly Beach. After argument his Honor ordered that the motion should stand over until Tuesday next pending a settlement, the injunction to continue until the motion was disposed of, without prejudice to the rights of either party. The date of trial was fixed for the 12th March.

DECREE ABSOLUTE.

His Honor made absolute the decree nisi for the dissolution of the marriage between Unity Filson and John M'Ivor Filson.

In Bankruptcy.—(*Before the Registrar, Mr. A.* Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re William Little. The hearing of this application was adjourned until the 25th March.

Re Edward Simmons. The hearing of this application was adjourned until the 25th March.

Re Thomas Bryant. The certificate was suspended for six months on the ground that the bankrupt had engaged in rash and hazardous speculations.

Re Charles Prince. The certificate was suspended for 15 months on the grounds that the bankrupt had failed to keep proper books of account and had contracted debts without having reasonable and probable expectation of being able to pay them.

Re Joseph John Rochester. Adjourned until the 1st March.

MOTION FOR REL ASE.

Re John Breen. This matter was adjourned until the 5th March.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re Frederick George Wood. Bankrupt stated that he was a contract draughtsman, and had not previously been insolvent. His failure was caused through the changes made by the Public Service Board, by which he lost employment. The meeting was closed, and the examination declared concluded.

Re William Collapie. The bankrupt said he was a saddler by trade, and his insolvency was caused by sickness. He had been two years out of business and 15 months in hospital. The meeting was closed, and the examination declared concluded.

Re Percy Tom Dent. Bankrupt said he had never been insolvent before. He had carried on business as a grocer at Paddington, and his failure was caused by the sickness of his wife and child. The meeting was closed, and the examination declared concluded.

Re George Harrison. Bankrupt said he had been insolvent 20 years ago, but obtained his certificate. His present insolvency was due to the sickness of himself and wife, and to want of employment. The meeting was closed, and the examination declared concluded.

Re John Martin. Bankrupt stated that he had carried on business as a grocer at Annandale, but was a shipwright by trade. He had never been insolvent before, and his failure was caused by the bad management of his grocery business. The meeting was closed, and the examination declared concluded.

Re Edward Bridges. Bankrupt said he had never been insolvent before. He had carried on business as a butcher in William-street, and his failure was caused by keen competition. Adjourned until 11th March.

Re John Henry Shoebridge. Bankrupt stated that he was a painter by trade, and had been insolvent eight or nine years ago. When in employment he earned £3 a week. His failure was caused through his having to provide for two of his wife's sisters. The meeting was closed, and the examination declared concluded.

Re Stanislaus Gets. Bankrupt said he was a cabinetmaker and joiner and had never previously been insolvent. He had gone to Newcastle to look for work, and on his return he was asked to pay £50 costs in connection with a legal claim. The meeting was closed and the examination declared concluded.

Re George Ebenezer Vaile. Bankrupt said he had been insolvent about 20 years ago and had received his certificate. The causes of his present failure were losses through exchange and deterioration in the value of property. Adjourned until 18th March.

Re Mary Ann Lancaster. Bankrupt said her insolvency was caused by sickness in her family and by her sons leaving bills for her to pay. The meeting was closed and the examination declared concluded.

Re Mary Selley. The bankrupt said she had kept a dairy and a milk run at Beaconsfield, Alexandria. The cause of her insolvency was a verdict obtained against her for £37 10s and costs. The meeting was closed and the examination declared concluded.

Re Patrick Benedict Bourke. The bankrupt said he was a solicitor. He had not filed a statement of his affairs. The matter was adjourned until 11th March.

Re Thomas March Davies. Bankrupt said he was a mining agent, and his insolvency was due to general depression in mining matters. The examination was adjourned until 1st March.

Re M. J. Heffernan. Bankrupt did not attend, and the matter was adjourned sine die.

Re Alexander Jenkyns. Bankrupt failed to attend, and as the official assignee reported that the insolvent was shipboard, and now at sea, the matter was adjourned until 11th March.

SEQUESTRATION ORDER.

Joseph Clint, of Hoddle-street, Paddington, and formerly of Hawick-street, Bathurst, baker. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

Messrs. Parker Brothers and Robert Little, versus John Simon Davies, of Parramatta-road, Leichhardt. Hearing 1st March.

John Nash, of Wagga Wagga, versus Thomas Joshua Byrnes, hotel keeper, of Wagga Wagga.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.—Thursday.

(*Before Mr. Justice* Cohen.)

EMBEZZLEMENT.

Arthur James Speer, late city treasurer of the Municipal Council of Sydney, pleaded guilty to a charge of having, on 21st October, embezzled the sum of £3699 2s 2d, the property of the council. Mr. B. R. Wise, who appeared for the prisoner, asked his Honor to deal as leniently as possible with the case. He explained that since 1873 there had been kept a separate account at the bank into which deposits lodged by contractors were paid, and rates received in all cases in which there was likely to be a dispute. This account was under the personal control of the City Treasurer, and was not operated upon in the usual way by cheques signed by the Mayor. The accused had overdrawn on this account since 1893, and it had been ascertained that the total defalcations amounted to £5039. Learned counsel argued that there must have been some amount of laxity in the investigation of the accounts, as was evidenced by the fact that the existence of this separate account had never been discovered. The prisoner had been treasurer since 1890, and had always borne a good character. Mr. Garland, Crown Prosecutor, said that the auditors had simply audited the accounts placed before them by the City Treasurer, who had denied the existence of the separate account. No blame was attachable to them.

His Honor in passing sentence said that the case was a perfectly clear one. He failed to see how any laxity in a system of keeping accounts could be urged in mitigation of the sentence on anyone who took advantage of that laxity. It was the accused's bounden duty to place all the books before the auditors. Though the indictment treated the matter as one offence, in reality a series of offences had been committed. He could pass a sentence of 10 years' imprisonment, and, though he would not pass that sentence, the punishment must be severe. The accused would be sentenced to six years' penal servitude. On the application of the Crown Prosecutor, his Honor directed that the sum of £500 should be paid out of the prisoner's estate to the Municipal Council. In the event of this being done he would recommend a remission of 12 months of the sentence.

(*Before Mr. Justice* G. B. Simpson.)

SENTENCE ON CAPTAIN AMORA.

John Horatio Amora, who had been convicted on a charge of misappropriating the sum of £290, came up for sentence. Mr. Wise said that his client was willing to repay Mr. Kerr the money, and that he would have been prepared to do so before criminal proceedings were instituted had he not been advised to the contrary. He asked his Honor to take into consideration the fact that the firm which the accused represented had lost nothing, and that his client had gained nothing by the way in which the money had been treated.

His Honor in passing sentence said he had considered whether he could treat the case under the First Offenders Act, and had decided that he could not do so. The misappropriation of a sum of money by a commercial man of such good standing as the prisoner was a reflection on the commercial honesty of the community. He thought the jury had had everything placed before them that could tell in the prisoner's favour. He would, however, reserve for the Full Court the points which Mr. Wise had mentioned on the previous day, and if they proved good the prisoner would have the benefit of them. The sentence would be two years' imprisonment with hard labour in Darlinghurst Gaol.

The points reserved are as follows:—1. That his Honor ought to have directed the jury that if they thought M'Leod and Co. were indebted to the accused, and that the sum of £290 was placed to the credit of M'Leod and Co. in reduction of their indebtedness, the matter was then one of civil law. 2. That his Honor was in error in directing the jury that even if M'Leod and Co. were indebted to the accused, the accused had no right to apply the money sent to him for a specific purpose to the reduction of a private debt. 3. That his Honor was in error in telling the jury that they might consider the suggestion of the Crown Prosecutor that entries in the invoice book might have been made for the purpose of defence in the case, no questions having been asked the accused tending to justify this suggestion.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—Thursday.

(*Before Judge* Docker.)

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

Denis O'Brien pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on 5th December, at Sydney, assaulted George Stacey, and occasioned him actual bodily harm. There was a second count of common assault. It appeared that the accused, who, it was alleged, had been struck with a stick by Stacey, had thrown a stone at him, striking him in the face. He was found guilty on the major charge, and remanded.

ACQUITTED.

Donald Alexander Sellen was acquitted on a charge of having on 17th September stolen a cart, the property of James Robinson.

CASES FOR TO-DAY.

William Fletcher and William Dunk, horse-stealing.

The remaining cases for trial—viz., Timothy Field, assault; James Flood and John Keenan, assault and robbery; Antonio Celeo, larceny; and Edwin Sherwin Rowe, false pretences (three charges)—will be postponed till the next Sydney Court of Quarter Sessions, commencing on Monday, 1st March. These accused and their sureties must therefore be in attendance at court at 10 o'clock this morning in order that their bail may be extended. None of the witnesses in these cases need be in attendance till warned.

POLICE COURTS.

DAMAGE TO A FOUNTAIN.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., an elderly man named Thomas Binks was charged with damaging a drinking fountain at the corner of College and Albert streets. It was stated that the fountain, which was near St. Mary's Cathedral, had been erected at the expense of the estate of late Hon. John Frazer. John Cleary, journalist, deposed that at 9.30 p.m. on the 18th instant, he saw accused hammering at the fountain. It was bright moonlight, and he could plainly recognise the accused, whom he spoke to about the damage. Cleary said he would call a constable, and Binks told him to mind his own business. Two young men who were sitting at the fountain said to witness, "If you put him away we will do for you." They pelted Cleary with blue metal, and ran into the Domain. Witness reported the matter to the police, and on Tuesday he saw accused in Elizabeth-street, spoke to him, and pointed him out to Constable Flynn, who arrested him. The constable said he had known accused for some time, and knew he frequented Hyde Park. It was shown that the central column of the fountain was damaged in four places, the raised carving being broken off. It would cost about £10 to repair the injury, the stone having to be replaced. Accused was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions. Bail was fixed at £20.

Committed for Trial.

At the Central Police Court yesterday Martin Cooney, 45, on a charge of breaking and entering the shop of H. L. Irons, 117 King-street, and stealing wearing apparel to the value of £3 18s 6d, was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions. James Robert Southern, 29, who had been chief steward of the s.s. Namoi, was, at the Central Police Court yesterday, committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on a charge of stealing spoons and forks to the value of £8 belonging to the Newcastle and H. R. S. N. Company. Bail was fixed at £50.

THEFT OF A "PEWTER."

William J. Corrigan, at the Central Police Court yesterday, was charged with stealing a pint pot valued at 17s 6d belonging to H. B. Butler, of the Colonnade Hotel. The pot was inscribed "Stolen from the Colonnade Hotel." It was taken on Wednesday, and at 9 o'clock in the evening Constable Bennett saw accused trying to sell it. Accused was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

A CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., John M'Carty was ordered to pay a fine of £2 and £1 5s 10d costs, in default two months' imprisonment, for having assaulted Frederick Stafford Gibbons.

DISCHARGING FIREARMS IN THE STREET.

A lad named Alfred Ernest Matthews was yesterday at the Redfern Police Court, before Mr. Johnson, S.M., ordered to pay a fine of £1, in default seven days' imprisonment, for having discharged a revolver in Lewis-street, Redfern, without lawful excuse. The evidence showed that the accused and several other boys were playing a game called "Bushies and bobbies." The accused fired a revolver not knowing that it was loaded. The contents entered the skull of one of the boys, who was removed to Prince Alfred Hospital, where he remained for about a month. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge.

ALLEGED BREAKING AND ENTERING AT REDFERN.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Johnson, S.M., Michael Kilhorn, aged 17, and Edward Cox, aged 18, were charged, at the instance of Plainclothes Constables Bannon and Campbell, with having broken into and entered the workshop of William John Richardson, Raglan-street, Redfern, and stolen therein, his property, three window frames, three casements frames, four doors, four sashes and frames, 40 sheets of iron, five bundles hoopiron, three iron washtubs, a quantity of gas-fittings, iron brackets, cooking utensils, and a small ice cream machine, of the total value of £20. Each of the accused was committed to take his trial at the next sittings of the Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst. Bail was refused.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., Michael Hickey alias Hargraves alias Wilson alias Harrington, aged 31, was charged with having assaulted and robbed John Francis Connolly of about £6 in money, a silver watch and gold chain, and a silk umbrella, of the total value of £20. Evidence was given that on the evening of the 11th December, in the year 1894, Mr. Connolly, a gentleman of independent means, went into an hotel at Camperdown and called for a glass of English ale. The accused was the only other person in the bar at the time. Connolly stated that he was proceeding home by himself, and when about 70 yards from the hotel he was struck from behind with something heavy, which felled him to the ground in a dazed condition. He partly came to, and felt himself being dragged through a fence by the accused, whom he recognised at the time. He then went off into a dazed condition again, and remembered nothing more until next morning, when he found himself in the Camperdown lockup upon a charge of drunkenness. Connolly then reported to the police that he had been robbed. A few months ago it was ascertained that the accused was in Goulburn gaol. Connolly was shown the police album, and identified the photo. of the accused as that of the man who robbed him. He also went to Goulburn gaol, and there picked him out from 12 other prisoners. Prisoner was committed to take his trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst.

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AN IMPORTANT DISTRICT COURT DECISION.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS DIFFICULTY.

JUDGMENT AGAINST THE GRAND LODGE.

Judge Fitzhardinge, who is at present at Cooma, yesterday sent to the Registrar of the District Court his reserved judgment in the case of Edward John Hill v. the Grand Lodge of New South Wales of the United Ancient Order of Druids, of which the following is the full text:—The facts were all admitted, and the arguments were altogether upon certain questions of law upon the construction of the Friendly Societies Act, 57 Vic., No. 4, and of the constitutional and lodge laws of the Grand Lodge and the Boadicea Lodge. Each lodge was duly registered under the Act. The members of the Boadicea Lodge contributed to the funeral and other funds of the Grand Lodge, and were thereby entitled to certain rights and privileges. Edward James Hill was a financial member of the Boadicea Lodge. On the 5th June, 1896, the Grand Lodge, by resolution, authorised the grand secretary to draft a bylaw, which was on the same date submitted to and approved by the Grand Lodge. That bylaw was as follows:—"That all or any of the amendments which have been made, or hereafter may be made, to the laws or rules of the United Ancient Order of Druids by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, in accordance with the existing laws or rules of that body at the time such amendments were made, shall be deemed to have been adopted by this lodge, and shall become incorporated with the rules and bylaws of this lodge immediately on their being certified to by the Registrar of Friendly Societies as in conformity with law." By circular dated the 6th June, 1896, the Boadicea Lodge and all other lodges of the Order were instructed by the board of directors of the Grand Lodge to have that bylaw adopted at their first summoned meeting, and to register it within one month from the date of adoption. The Boadicea Lodge declined to adopt the bylaw, and the secretary of the Grand Lodge was so informed. Some two months afterwards the Grand Lodge suspended the Boadicea Lodge for not complying with the "instruction" contained in the circular of the 6th June. The applicant Hill, a financial member of the Boadicea Lodge, applied to this court for relief under the 15th and 16th sections of the Act, and prayed that the suspension of the Boadicea Lodge might be removed, and that he might be reinstated to all his rights and privileges as such financial member, &c. A number of points were raised during the argument. The matter in dispute was duly and properly brought before the court by the applicant Hill, who was a person "interested in the matter" within the meaning of the 15th section. It was contended that the Court had no jurisdiction to entertain the dispute, as it was one which came within the meaning of the 14th section and should have been heard and determined by the arbitration committee appointed in pursuance of the 29th of the constitutional and lodge laws. It seemed to me that arbitrators appointed by the Grand Lodge would be an improper tribunal to decide such a dispute. By the 7th section of the Act copies of the rules of every society had to be sent to the Registrar of Friendly Societies for his certificate, and by the 8th section, after the rules had been so certified it was made lawful for any society to alter, amend, or rescind the rules so certified, or to make new rules, which alteration, amendment, &c., had in due course to be also certified to by the Registrar. By the 40th section of the Act it was enacted that before any society could be registered the persons intending to establish the same should frame a set of rules which should set forth (inter alia) "the manner of making, altering, amending, and rescinding rules." In accordance with the provisions of those sections the 73rd constitutional and lodge rule was framed. That rule provided in plain terms the steps which should be taken by any lodge or by the board of directors of the Grand Lodge when they proposed to make any addition to or alteration of the constitutional or lodge laws, and no alteration or addition could be legally made unless the provisions of that 73rd rule had been complied with. Here the board of directors in their experience considered it necessary to make the proposed addition to their constitutional laws. It was incumbent upon them under rule 73 to give one month's notice of such additions to all of the lodges of the union, so that the representatives from the different lodges attending might be prepared to decide upon the proposed addition, and all "new laws had to be passed by a majority of the representatives present." The necessary steps were not taken. The bylaw was framed on the 5th June, and adopted on the next day. Any bylaw so brought into existence was altogether invalid, and could have no legal effect. The board of directors had attempted to follow a course contrary to that laid down in their own rules. As I have decided that the bylaw is illegal per se, I need not decide whether or not it is also ultra vires. Were I called upon to do so I should without hesitation hold that a bylaw so worded would be ultra vires, or at least that portion of it which attempts to deal with "all amendments which may hereafter be made," &c. I may also point out that the board of directors of the Grand Lodge have no power to force any lodge to adopt any bylaw of the Grand Lodge as one of their (the lodge's) bylaws. By the 8th constitutional law it was provided that every lodge should have power to make bylaws for their own management. And the manner in which any proposed bylaw should be dealt with is provided for by the sub-sections of the 67th lodge law. All of the points in dispute having been decided against the Grand Lodge, I have now to grant the relief prayed for. I hereby order that the board of directors of the Grand Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids, New South Wales, do remove the suspension from the Boadicea Lodge, No. 249, United Order of Ancient Druids, and do reinstate the applicant, Edward John Hill, a financial member of the said lodge, in all the rights and privileges to which he was entitled as from the date of such suspension. And in default of this order being complied with, I order that the said board of directors shall pay to the said applicant, Edward John Hill, the sum of £100. And I further order that the said board of directors, as aforesaid, shall pay £10 as the costs of this application to the said applicant, E. J. Hill.

RANDWICK ASYLUM PICNIC.

The annual picnic excursion of the children of the Randwick Asylum took place at Cabarita on Wednesday. At an early hour in the morning all the inmates of the institution were assembled in the large quadrangle of the building, and after an inspection by the superintendent left by special tram at 8 o'clock, and upon arrival at Circular Quay the steamer Waterview was in readiness to receive the party. On the way up the river to Cabarita the band of the Sobraon, which had been kindly lent for the day by the Minister for Public Instruction, was called for, and Correy's grounds were reached by 10 o'clock, when all amusements incidental to holiday-keeping were freely indulged in. Through the kindness of a number of friends of the institution a considerable sum of money and a number of donations in kind had been forwarded to the superintendent, and these very much contributed to the children thoroughly enjoying the outing. During the day a number of friends joined the excursionists, amongst whom were Mr. John M'Pherson (vice-president), Mr. James Stedman (hon. treasurer), Mr Henry Hicks, Mr. W. T. Waters, Mr. A. C. Hewlett (Mayor of Waverley), Mr. T. J. Houghton, Rev. Father Tierney, R. C. chaplain, Rev. Mr. Vindin, and Mr. A. Scott. After athletic sports had been indulged in during the afternoon for a large number of prizes the final distribution of the good things took place and shortly after all left for the Circular Quay which was reached about 6 o'clock, and within half an hour after all safely reached the institution at Randwick. The superintendent (Mr. Coulter), the matron (Miss Polack), and all the officers of the institution, were indefatigable in their exertions throughout the day, and their efforts were cheerfully supplemented by the directors present, and many other friends, doing all that they could to make the picnic a great success.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday, February 26.

Term List.—Motions generally. Motions, &c.: Ex parte William F. Kitchen, in re John Norton, attachment for contempt of court; ex parte Hugh Paterson, habeas corpus. Motions on notice: Lucas and another v. Neeld and others, to set aside order; in re James Norton, Robert Smith, Franz Osborne, David Roxburgh, and Edward Galen, gents., &c., ex parte James Wilson, to hand over money. Motions, &c.: Ex parte William Davis, prohibition; in re the arbitration between A.J.S. Bank, Limited, and George Davies, to set aside order; ex parte William Allen prohibition; M'Sharry v. Railway Commissioners, for security for costs.

Chamber List.—In re the arbitration between the Pinnacle Group Silver-mining Company of Silverton, Limited, and the Pinnacle Tribute Silver-mining Company, Limited; Power v. Hartman, F.; Flanagan v. Bourke, Wiedermann and Co. claimants, Sheriff's interpleader; same v. same, Bennett claimant, Sheriff's interpleader; same v. same, Cassidy claimant, Sheriff's interpleader.

Cor. Owen, J., in No. 1 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Re Patience Elizabeth Knight, W. E. Wright caveator.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: In re gent., &c., 10.15; in re gent., &c., 11; Brown v. Wilson, 12.30; re Federal and Aline, 2.15 to 4. Before the Chief Clerk: Best v. Phillips, 10.30; Rankin v. Coates and another, 10.45.

In Equity.—Master's office.—At 10 a.m.: Lunacy. At 2 p.m.: Company matters; Fredericks v. Municipal Council of Sydney, review of taxation; Bowen v. M'Cormack, for directions. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Re John Finnane, probate taxation. At 2 p.m.: Wyndham v. Fatey, to tax costs; same v. same, ditto. Before his Honor Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson. At 10.30 a.m.: Motions generally—Gale v. Maguire, motion to continue injunction; Morgan v. Higginson, motion to stay proceedings; Pomley v. Shepherd, summons to vary Master's certificate; same v. same, further consideration; Australian Incandescent Gaslight Company v. Ludwig and another, motion for leave to file interrogations; re will of Charles Brown, deceased, and 21 Vic. No. 7, petition for payment out; Thrift v. Moore, motion to appoint guardian ad litem; Hansen v. Peisley, summons for further time to file defence.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Registrar.—At 11: To proceed on accounts in the following estates—Elizabeth Todd, Ann Duggan, St. John George Lysaght, William Sneddon. John Lore, at 11.30.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11: Hearing of creditors' petitions Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Brothers v. C. Philips; examinations under section 30—William George French, John Mackenzie, Henry Albert Weber, John Henry Wood, Michael Dillon, Frank George Parsonson; William George French, single meeting. Before the Chief Clerk.—Taxations.—At 2.10: Re John Black. At 2.30: Re John Black. Before Mr. Justice Simpson.—At 10: Re John Davidson, for judgment; re J. H. Amora, hearing of application to set aside bankruptcy notice; re Maria Selley, motion under section 130.

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THE HEALTH OF SYDNEY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

At the meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday the annual report of the medical officer, Dr. Kendall, on the health of the metropolis for 1896 was laid on the table. It stated that although the year exhibited remarkable extremes of heat and cold and great unevenness of rainfall, the general health of the metropolis as shown by the death-rate was much improved. It was impossible to lay too much stress upon the necessity for an efficient exercise of municipal control so that the efficiency of the water supply and sewerage system might be enhanced, and the danger arising from disease minimised as much as possible. It was greatly to be regretted that a short-sighted policy of retrenchment held among members of municipal councils to the detriment of public health. The extreme prevalence of typhoid fever among children attending school led him to ask for a thorough inspection of all the Public schools. The subject of school infection was a most important one, as the protracted close contact of children in schools, even if the ventilation was satisfactory, afforded greater facilities for infection than occurred under home conditions or during play hours. It was satisfactory to state that arrangements had been made by the Education Department to re-organise the sanitary arrangements of the Public schools. The new Public Health Act would be a distinct gain to the citizens, as the notification of infectious diseases would cause much evil to be avoided, and the regulations relating to the composition of a building site would remedy many existing abuses. House drains should be kept clean, and regularly flushed, otherwise the good effect of sewer ventilation would be abolished. There were odours in many houses which were not due to sewer gas, but to a want of cleanliness on the part of the individual, and to the unhealthy composition of the building site. In 1895 the population of the city was 103,870. Of the suburbs, 319,730; and of the metropolis, 423,600. In 1896 the figures were—city, 100,000; suburbs, 308,500; metropolis, 408,500. The density of the population in the city per acre was 46·6 for 1895 and 44·4 for 1896. The temperature was subject to great variation, and the rainfall, as compared with the two preceding years, increased considerably. Notwithstanding the increase and virulence of typhoid fever during the year, the general death-rate was lower than in preceding years. This showed that the tone of health in the community had much improved. The total number of deaths in 1896 in the metropolis was 5492, being at the rate of 134·4 per 10,000. In 1895 the death-rate was 130·9 per 10,000; in 1894 it was 140·7; in 1893 it was 156·8; in 1892, 135·6; in 1891, 169·8. The zymotic death-rate for the city stood at the end of 1895 at 2·4 per 1000, and at the end of last December it stood at 1·3. In the suburbs this rate stood at 2·6 at the end of 1895, and at 1·1 at the end of 1896. The mortality from diarrhœa showed a marked decrease as compared with 1895, having fallen from 297 or 7·0 per 10,000 to 253 or 6·1 per 10,000. As the mortality from diarrhœa had decreased since the installation of the water supply and sewerage system from 10·5 per 10,000 to 6·1, it was only fair to attribute at least a portion of this good result to the operations of the board. The mortality from diphtheria showed only a small decrease. In certain districts it appeared to be endemic. Much depended upon the nature of the subsoil, a water-laden soil being the home of the diphtheria organism, and at certain seasons of the year soils with an impervious surface were dangerous. The discovery of antitoxin had proved a valuable aid in combatting this disease; but it was a very noticeable fact that as the board had been extending its operations the mortality from this disease had fallen from 4·1 per 10,000 to 2·07. The number of deaths from this disease in 1896 was 85 for the metropolis, being the smallest for 15 years. The figures were—1896, 85 deaths, or 2·07 per 10,000; 1895, 88 deaths, or 2·7 per cent.; 1894, 134 or 3·1; 1893, 132 or 3·1. Phthisis was now recognised as a contagious disease communicated by a specific virus or microbe. The experience of many large English cities and towns had been that after the establishment of sanitary works the mortality was very considerably reduced. The disease flourished best upon a damp soil, consequently the establishment of an effective sewerage system had proved a great factor in lessening the mortality by improving the dryness of the soil. When they considered the severity of last winter, the sudden changes of temperature experienced, and the fact that the mortality in the metropolis had during the last nine years been reduced from 20·9 to 10·5 per 10,000, they might trace some good effect to the work of the board. The mortality from this disease was—1896, city 150, suburbs 278, metropolis 428; 1895, city 180, suburbs 265, metropolis 445. This year was notable for the disastrous and virulent epidemic of typhoid fever which was maintained throughout its course. The deaths in the metropolis according to age were—under 5 years, 4; from 5 to 10 years, 14; from 11 to 20 years, 38; from 21 to 30 years, 34; from 31 to 40 years, 32; from 41 to 50 years, 9; 53 years, 1; 54 years, 3; 56 years, 1; 61 years, 1; 75 years, 1. In a city such as Sydney, or even in its suburbs, where in the early times of the formation slight attention was paid to sanitary matters, the soil must have become sewage sodden, and although people ought now to know better, still they were very careless and drain their houses anywhere so long as the matter disappears, caring little for a future generation. The extension of sewerage and sanitary works in such a soil was always attended with present danger, through rousing into activity the germs of disease by breaking up the soil, and the benefit would be for the future at the expense of some of the present generation. Unless personal cleanliness was more strictly attended to the local hygienic conditions would not be in a good state, and the resisting power of the human organism would be lowered so that less opposition could be offered to invading germs. More than one half of the deaths registered in the city during the year were those of persons coming from outside to the city to be treated during their illness, and in many cases the illness of the remaining half did not arise in the reported dwellings. Since the installation of the present water supply and sewerage systems the death rate per 10,000 of the population had decreased from 8·43 to 4·2 in the city of Sydney. During the year the deaths from typhoid numbered 42 in the city, 101 in the suburbs, 143 in the metropolis, as against 81 in the metropolis for 1895, and 120 for 1894. The death rate per 10,000 in the city only was 4·2, as against 4·92 for 1895 and 4·06 for 1894. The cases reported to the board numbered 616, as against 381 for 1895 and 542 for 1894. Many of the dwellings reported had been reported before, and as many as six cases came from one dwelling. Of the 616 cases reported, 559 were admitted to the hospitals and 57 were treated at home. Of those treated in hospital, 161 were at Prince Alfred Hospital, 101 at Sydney Hospital, 31 at St. Vincent's Hospital, 30 at the Children's Hospital, and 236 at the Coast Hospital. A searching inquiry was made by the board's officers as to the environment of these cases. In 559 cases no sewers were available, in 139 the dwellings were insanitary, in 37 cases the patients had no fixed abode, and in 81 cases the owners had complied with the regulations of the board. Many of the dwellings had only recently been provided with proper sanitary improvements, and others, though properly fitted, had very dirty surroundings. An analysis of the occupations of the 81 cases coming from houses the sanitary arrangements of which were in accordance with the board's regulations showed—School children, 45; housewives, 4; actor, 1; domestic servants, 7; bootmaker, 1; clerk, 1; ironmonger, 1; cabman, 1; carpenters, 2; draper, 1; carter, 1; butcher, 1; constable, 1; fruiterer, 1; nurses, 2; waiters, 2; cooper, 1; painter, 1; dealer, 1; tailoress, 1; labourers, 3; salesman, 1; factory girl, 1. Of the 559 cases admitted into the various hospitals, 86 proved fatal. Of the fatal cases only five came from dwellings the sanitary arrangements of which were in accordance with the board's regulations, and from personal inquiry he found that not a single case of typhoid fever originated in such a dwelling. The distribution of the reported cases was as follows:—Sydney, population 100,000, cases 100, rate per 10,000 10; Balmain 30,500, 35, 11·6; Leichhardt, 13,022, 63, 48·3; Glebe 16,469, 19, 11·5; Annandale 6300, 41, 64·07; Newtown 21,375, 22, 10·02; Camperdown 6750, 8, 11·8; Erskineville 6125, 11, 17·9; St. Peters 4000, 12, 30·0; Redfern 24,776, 41, 16·5; Darlington 3357, 5, 14·8; Waterloo 7508, 28, 37·3; Alexandria 7600, 87, 114·4; Botany 2700, 18, 66·6; North Botany 4068, 16, 39·3; Paddington 19,900, 16, 8·04; Randwick 6350, 11, 17·3; Waverley 9645, 1, 1·03; Woollahra 12,903, 7, 5·5; Ashfield 12,785, 9, 6·9; Burwood 6250, 5, 8·0; Enfield, 1 case; Concord, 1 case; Strathfield, 2 cases; Five Dock 1300, 1, 7·6; Marrickville 18,000, 9, 5·0; Petersham 12,830, 13, 10·1; Canterbury 2600, 2, 7·6; Hurstville 5000, 3, 5·008; Kogarah 4000, 2, 5·0; Rockdale 4000, 5, 12·05; North Sydney 17,465, 4, 2·2; Willoughby 2535, 0; Manly, 2 cases; Ryde, 2 cases; Hunter's Hill, 2 cases. Beyond the metropolis: Liverpool, 1 case; Rookwood, 2 cases; Canley Vale, 1 case; Newcastle, 1 case. Alexandria showed the highest rate, 114·4; Botany next, 66·6; the third was Annandale, 64·07; and the fourth Leichhardt, 48·3. Waverley stood lowest of all at 1·03.

CITY RAILWAY COMMISSION.

At noon yesterday the Public Works Committee, sitting as a Royal Commission, resumed its inquiry into the proposed extension of the railway system of the colony into the city and to the deep waters of Port Jackson. There were present—Mr. T. T. Ewing, M.L.A. (chairman), Messrs. Humphery, Hoskins, and C. J. Roberts, M's.L.C., Lee, H. Clarke, Fegan, Farnell, Hassall, Wright, and Black, M's.L.A.

Mr. Parry, outdoor superintendent of Government Railways, was further examined. He deposed that the average number of suburban passengers carried each way daily was 19,000. There were 15 through trains a day, and on holidays or when excursion trains were run the number was greatly increased. On Eight-hour Day the number of through trains was 26. On that day they were very long, the engines carrying the maximum load. They could not be accommodated at the short platforms, and therefore the difficulty of dealing with an increased traffic was accentuated. There were often delays in the yard, but he was satisfied that the shunting staff did its best to do the work and get the trains into position. The congestion arose from one cause alone—and that was the increase of traffic. The construction of the quadruple lines had simplified matters. They had certainly not made matters worse. In his opinion it was practically impossible to extend the existing yard and make anything satisfactory arrangements. He was in favour of the King-street terminal station, and if that could not be obtained, a terminal station in Hyde Park near Park-street.

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WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

THIRD DAY.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The ministerial session of the Wesleyan Conference continued its business in the Centenary Hall yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, with the Rev. James Woolnough in the chair. After devotional exercises the daily record was read by the Rev. W. Pearson.

The Rev. W. Wall wrote stating that he would be unable to attend the conference for a few days on account of sickness in his family. The conference directed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Wall.

Dr. Brown, the Foreign Mission secretary, introduced foreign missions for further consideration. Zadok Dranibaka was admitted as a native minister. The following native ministers remain or are admitted on trial:—Abel Tara, Timothy Raibirika, Thomas Tabu, Joel Ketecu, Michael Ratu, Samuel Tokakece, Abishai Domolailai, Romulus Tukuca, Silvanus Karavaki, Uliamu Tuilimu, Naaman Radabia, Malachi Kalidredre, Simeon Meteka, Wesley Rai, Abel Ratabacaca, Paulus Rokocua, Isaiah Vuki, Alick Boloka, Gideon Kanwata, Silas Kaloura, and Ruperi Nagera.

The Rev. Joseph Spence, chairman of the Sydney East Synod, submitted the recommendation of his synod that the Rev. Robert Dyson be made a supernumerary for another year. The recommendation was sustained, and a letter of sympathy was ordered to be sent. The Rev. Adin Parsons preferred a request that he be made a supernumerary on account of an affection of the throat. The Revs. Joseph Spence, John Gardiner, and the President having borne high testimony to Mr. Parsons's ability and work, the request was granted. The Rev. Warren Henry was continued a supernumerary for another year, with permission to reside abroad. The Rev. W. H. Beale, as chairman of the Maitland district, moved,—"That the Rev. T. R. M'Michael be made a supernumerary for one year." The Rev. C. Jones having seconded the resolution, and the Revs. M. Maddern, Dr. Sellors, and R. H. Richard having spoken in the highest terms of Mr. M'Michael's character and work, the resolution was carried. The Rev. Ezekiel Nun was made a supernumerary for one year. Dr. Brown introduced the Rev. J. B. Chapman's name; but the further consideration of Mr. Chapman's case was deferred until Mr. Chapman's arrival. The Rev. Matthew Maddern expressed a desire to return to regular circuit work. The Rev. J. E. Carruthers having moved and Dr. Sellors seconded a resolution to that effect, it was carried. The Rev. William Balemasuva, a Fijian minister, returns to regular work.

The President having announced a hymn, and the Rev. J. W. Davis engaged in prayer, the Rev. J. E. Moulton read the obituary notice of Andrew Funaki, a Tongan minister. Dr. Brown, the Revs. J. W. Davis and E. E. Crosby, B.A., spoke in terms of praise of the deceased minister's character. The obituary was adopted. The Rev. F. Langham read the obituaries of Joshua Raisele and Matthias Vono, Fijian native ministers. The Revs. F. Langham, A. J. Webb, and Dr. Brown having spoken, the obituaries were adopted.

The question, "Are there any objections to any of our ministers or preachers on trial?" was asked in the case of each minister and probationer, and was in every case answered satisfactorily.

The secretary read the report of the house governor, the Rev. J. E. Moulton. The report stated that the work had comprised the usual subjects, with the addition of lectures on the management of the voice by the Rev. W. H. Rogers. The students have also attended lectures on English at the University. The report of the pulpit ministrations of the students was very cheering. They were Godly men, and as such had been amenable to rule and were diligent workers. As far as one could judge the students were carefully cherishing their spirituality and cultivating religious habits. After lengthy discussion the report was adopted, and the conference adjourned till 10 o'clock to-day.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

The representative sessions of the conference were continued yesterday afternoon at 2.30. The Rev. James Woolnough was again in the chair.

The secretary read a communication from the Primitive Methodist Conference, in which it was stated that that body desired to send a deputation to wait upon the conference. It was resolved to receive this deputation and all other similar deputations at 4.30 p.m. on Friday.

Notices of motion having been disposed of the Rev. W. H. Beale submitted the proposed order of business, which was adopted, the debate on Methodist union being fixed as the first business for Tuesday afternoon next. The Rev. W. W. Rutledge, convener of the Wesleyan section of the Federal Council, laid on the table the official returns of the voting of adherents, trustees and quarterly meetings, and district synods.

Passing to the order of the day, the Rev. W. H. Beale moved,—"That the request that Pambula become a home mission station be allowed to stand over until the home mission secretary could visit Pambula." This was carried.

It was resolved that The Rock, Henly, Yerong, Green's Gunyah, and Mittagong, in the Wagga Wagga circuit, become a home mission station, and an unmarried home missionary appointed.

Under the question of circuits under obligation to take a married instead of an unmarried minister, it was resolved that Rylstone take a married minister if it be found necessary when considering the stations. It was decided to remove the married minister from Muswellbrook and to appoint an unmarried minister in his place. The recommendation of the Armidale Synod that the Armidale circuit be exempt from its obligation to take a second married minister without the continuance of the subsidy to the Church Sustentation and Extension Society was submitted and discussed, the Rev. F. Boyer and Mr. Lonsdale advocating the exemption, and the Rev. W. Clarke opposing it. The Rev. W. Clarke moved as an amendment that the Armidale Circuit take a second married minister if necessary; the order of circuits to take married ministers to be Armidale, Rylstone. The Rev. Henry Wiles moved that Glen Innes be exempt from its obligation to take a married minister. The resolution was carried. The Rev. W. H. George moved that the Bellinger River circuit be exempt from its obligation to take a married minister for another year. The representative of the circuit having spoken, it was resolved to consider all other similar cases before the vote was taken. The request of the Cobargo circuit was next submitted, Mr. F. W. Roberts, the representative, pleading for exemption. The Rev. J. Clifton moved that Narrandera be exempt from its obligation for another year. After further discussion it was finally decided that Armidale, Bellinger River, and Rylstone take married ministers if necessary, the other circuits named to be exempt for another year.

This business being disposed of, it was decided that the vote for representatives to the General Conference should be from 3.30 until 4.30 p.m. on Friday instead of the half-hour previously arranged.

The Rev. R. H. Rickard, secretary to the memorials and appeals committee, read a memorial from the Casino circuit in which the memorialists asked the conference—1, to appoint an unmarried minister; 2, to appoint a married home missionary; or 3, to reattach Casino to the Lismore circuit, appointing two married ministers to that circuit, and supplying the Casino pulpit therefrom. Mr. Simpson, the representative, supported the appeal. It was resolved that, if possible, the married minister be removed and an unmarried minister be appointed.

The Ballina quarterly meeting asked that the married minister be removed, and that a married home missionary be sent in his place; or failing that, the Ballina circuit to be attached to the Lismore circuit. The Rev. W. H. George supported the appeal. The Rev. T. F. Potts opposed the appeal. The request was not entertained.

Communications from the Baptist and United Methodist Free Churches in regard to deputations were read by the secretary, and telegrams sent in reply to the effect that the deputations would be received to-day at 4.30 p.m. The conference adjourned till 2.30 to-day.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The Sunday School Union, which held its annual festival in the Centenary Hall last night, was a great success. Long before the hour fixed for the opening, scores of children flocked round the entrance to the hall, and waited eagerly for admission. In a very short time the building was crowded in every part, and those members of the audience who came late had to content themselves with standing-room in a passage or a seat on the steps. The city and suburban schools gathered to the number of over 1000, each school wearing a distinguishing badge. The musical arrangements were undertaken by the Waverley church choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. S. Huthnance.

The Hon. Joseph Cook, the Postmaster-General, who was greeted with prolonged applause, was called upon by the Rev. C. E. James to take the chair. Mr. Cook, as an old Sunday School scholar, expressed his delight at being present. He thought that one of the grandest sights on the earth. Who would be prepared, he said, referring to a remark made by the ex-President, to apologise for such a meeting? He trusted that the day had gone by when they need apologise for their Church. Referring to the success of America, he attributed it to the fact that they had a united Methodism. While not underrating any other section of church work, he maintained that none of them exceeded in importance Sunday school work. They should never let them take the place of the Sunday school teacher. The personal influence of the teacher must be felt in the school. Prevention of evil in their young children was better than cure in older life. The product of the teacher was more important than that of the preacher, for the men whom they delighted to honour were all the product of the Sunday school. All this indicated a heavy responsibility upon the teacher and the Church. He hoped the time had come when they taught only Christ. If they did that they would fulfil the supreme function of the Sunday school. They should not regard the Sunday school as a mere adjunct, but an integral part of the Church. In the future the Sunday school would play a more important part than it had done. He advocated the construction of proper buildings for Sunday school purposes. When they turned their attention to the Sunday school they would get hold of the masses. In closing, he wished them all God-speed.

The Rev. C. E. James, the secretary of the union, who made a humorous speech, said that he would not inflict the lengthy report on that audience, as it would not be conducive to their health or to his own.

The Treasurer (Mr. Thomas Jessep, M.L.A.) presented his report, which disclosed a debit balance of 2s, to which other liabilities amounting to something like £20 must be added. He hoped the collection would more than cover their liabilities.

The Rev. J. Hulme said he would ask them to look at the magnitude of their Sunday school work. The teachers and pupils in their schools exceeded the population of Australia by some millions. The speaker also spoke in eloquent terms of the inspiring influence of their Sunday school work and its aims.

Mr. G. Whalan, of Bathurst, also spoke.

At intervals during the meeting the Waverley Church choir rendered with much taste and precision the anthems, "Sweet is Thy Mercy, Lord" (Barnby), Sullivan's "I will mention the Loving-kindness of the Lord," "There will be no Night there," and Sullivan's "Jubilate Deo." The usual votes of thanks followed by the Doxology brought an eminently successful meeting to a close.

CARRINGTON HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Carrington Centennial Convalescent Hospital was held in the board-room of the Liverpool, London, and Globe Insurance Company, Pitt-street, yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the vice-president, Sir Alfred Roberts, through illness, Mr. Edward Knox, hon. treasurer, presided. Among those present were Mr. R. Deas-Thomson and Dr. Purser, hon. secretaries; Messrs. M. Gotthelf, J. R. Fairfax, John Keep, R. J. Paling, P. F. March, F. P. M'Crae, G. J. Cohen, Kilgour, T. F. Knox, J. C. Taylor, Stevenson, W. Ryder, and Dr. Binney.

The Chairman announced that Messrs. F. W. A. Downes and R. Jones had sent apologies.

The report of the committee was taken as read. It stated that the total number of available beds was 95, including six in the Masonic Cottage. The following were the abbreviated statistics for the year:—Remaining in the hospital 31st December, 1895, 70; admitted during 1895, 1055; total under treatment during 1896, 1125. Of these, 788 fully recovered their health, 250 were much improved in health, 22 were apparently not benefited, 4 died, and 61 remained in the hospital on 31st December, 1896. Of the four death cases, only one was of a patient in the convalescent branch of the hospital, and he was sent from Sydney in a moribund condition. The daily average number of patients during the year was 78, as against 70 in 1895, 74 in 1894, 68 in 1893, 61 in 1892, and 58 in 1891. The average annual cost of each occupied bed during the year was £37 1s 7d, which showed an increase of £2 17s 8d per bed, compared with last year. The sole cause for this had been the necessity for painting the hospital inside and out at an outlay of £200 6s 6d. The cost of each patient throughout the year, with an average residence of 27 days, was £2 11s 5d. During the months when the number of patients was under 70 the average yearly cost per occupied bed was £38 9s. During the months when the numbers exceeded 80 the average yearly cost per occupied bed was £31 14s. The statistics showed a considerable increase of work over the preceding year, with a diminished rate of cost per occupied bed. The demands upon the hospital had steadily increased, and frequently during the year the accommodation for women had proved insufficient. All patients had been admitted without reference to their religious persuasion or condition of life, and had been asked to contribute towards their support in hospital if they could afford to do so. Altogether 66 patients contributed more or less; their contributions amounting in all to £111, against a total expenditure of £3000. Of the remaining 989 patients 625 did not contribute, and 364 were admitted on Government orders. Many patients the majority being tradesmen who were unable to contribute towards their support, had volunteered, as soon as they were well enough to work, to place their services at the matron's disposal. The system of conveying patients to and from the hospital had worked in a complete and satisfactory manner. This necessarily entailed a cost of £400 per annum. The painting previously referred to in this report consisted of the whole of the ground floor of the hospital, with the exception of the dormitories, as well as the woodwork of the exterior of the building and of the Masonic Cottage. Every effort compatible with the effective management of the hospital and the welfare of the patients had been made to keep down the expenditure, with the satisfactory result that the annual cost had during the past three years been reduced to £1 11s 2d per occupied bed. The committee offered a special vote of thanks to the promoters of the bazaar, held at Camden on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th April, and all those who kindly assisted at it. Owing to their energetic efforts a very welcome sum of £130 was handed over to the hon. secretary. The committee had to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of the following amounts towards the funds of the hospital:—£200 from the Hospital Saturday Fund, and £95 from the late Richard Wynne, Esq. The committee had also to acknowledge, with thanks the receipt of the following amounts:—The Masonic body of New South Wales, £35; the N.S.W. Railway and Tramway Employees' Convalescent Hospital Fund, £26; the Friendly Societies' Hospital Sunday Fund, £5.

Mr. Edward Knox, the hon. treasurer, presented the accounts for the past year, which, he said, in view of the heavy expenditure incurred in providing an extended supply of water for domestic purposes, and for use in case of fire, would, he thought, be considered satisfactory. The accounts showed that £201 had been paid on account of this work, and the cost of completing it would amount to £317 16s 7d, for which provision has been made. Underground storage for 55,000 gallons of water from the lake and for 18,000 gallons of rain water would thereby be provided, as well as a complete fire service, by which in a very short time the whole of the buildings could be deluged with water. The classified statement of expenditure showed the total cost per occupied bed to have amounted to £37 1s 7d, as against £34 3s 11d for the year 1895; the whole of this excess was due to the expenditure of £200 6s 6d for painting the hospital and Masonic Cottage inside and out, besides covering the enhanced cost of provisions, which for the past year had amounted to £155 8s. These two items had added £4 11s 1d to the cost of each occupied bed, which without them would have stood at £32 10s 6d against £34 3s 11d for 1895. The donations and subscriptions had amounted to £904 3s, as against £937 5s 9d for the previous year, and it was matter for regret that the contributions from patients had only amounted to £111 0s 3d, as against £169 6s 11d in 1895. In other respects the accounts did not materially differ from those of former years. He moved that the report, together with the statement of accounts, be printed and circulated, and that a copy be forwarded to his Excellency the Governor.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. M. Gotthelf moved,—"That the thanks of this meeting be accorded to the Governor and the Legislature for the aid given to the hospital during the past year."

Mr. John Keep seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Dr. Purser moved,—"That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the hon. medical officers and the hon. examining medical officers for their valuable services during the past year."

Mr. J. R. Fairfax seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

In accordance with the deed of gift, Mr. F. W. A. Downes and Dr. John Hay were reappointed as members of the committee by Mr. Hamilton Lake on behalf of the representatives of the late W. H. Paling.

On the motion of Mr. G. J. Cohen, seconded by Mr. T. F. Kemp, Messrs. J. R. Fairfax and John Keep were re-elected to the committee.

In accordance with the deed of gift, it will devolve upon the Governor to appoint the remaining third of the committee.

A vote of thanks to the chairman ended the meeting.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

The weekly meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board was held at the offices of the board yesterday morning. There were present Colonel Rowe (president), Messrs. Taylor, Davis, Buckle, Mansfield, Ahearn, and Macpherson.

Returns were laid on the table showing that the money collected from 1st July, 1896, to 20th February, 1897, amounted to £149,543 18s 9d, as against £137,585 13s 8d for the same period of the previous year, or an increase of £11,958 5s 1d; that during the week ended 20th February the average daily consumption of water from the Prospect Reservoir was 19,780,000 gallons; that during the same week 1612 yards of watermains were laid, 1042 yards were cleaned, 453 yards lowered, and 12 hydrants fixed; that 16 persons were using water for gardens, stock, &c., without payment of the usual fees; and that from 1st July, 1896, to 20th February, 1897, the total length of sewers constructed was 15 miles 562 yards.

In reply to a communication from the board the Municipal Council of Smithfield and Fairfield intimated that arrangements would be made whereby the council's office would be available for the use of the board's collector for receiving rates on 4th April.

Messrs. Gibson, Battle, and Co. asked that the time for the receipt of tenders for the supply and erection of a pumping plant at Chatswood station be extended for five weeks in order to afford sufficient time for the specification to reach the manufacturers in England. The application was granted.

The Mosman Municipal Council requested the board to lower the watermain in Mandalong-road to conform with the new levels of that thoroughfare. The engineer recommended that the work be carried out at an estimated cost of £26. Approved.

The secretary read a report of the interview between the president and a deputation from the Municipal Council of Camden with regard to hastening the completion of the water supply to that town and district. It was decided to notify the council that the board was prepared to proceed with the work as soon as the property-owners of Camden signed the necessary agreement.

Mr. Albert Bond, architect for Mr. S. Hordern, wrote drawing attention to the existence of an old defective stone sewer which is in the way of the foundations now being put in for Mr. Hordern's proposed buildings, and requesting that the position of the sewer be altered. The engineer reported that to place the sewer in a sanitary condition would cost £13, but to carry out the deviation to suit the proposed buildings would cost £26. He recommended that the architect be informed that the deviation will be carried out if the owner will pay the extra cost. Approved.

The annual report of the medical officer, a summary of which appears elsewhere, was laid on the table.

It was decided to call for applications for the position of superintendent of works, Prospect Reservoir, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. W. Wakeford. The salary agreed upon was £350 per annum, with residence, and a forage allowance of £52.

Accounts amounting to £1519 2s 6d were passed for payment.

Mary Daley, aged 84, who resided at Jesson-street, Alexandria, and on Wednesday sustained a compound fracture of the right leg through a fall—the injured limb being amputated at Prince Alfred Hospital—was yesterday in as good a condition as could possibly be expected.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—February 25.

Tarawera (s.), 2003 tons, Captain W. C. Sinclair, from New Zealand ports. Passengers—Mr. D. Burton, Mr. F. Oakain, Rev. J. Barron, Miss Saunderson, Mr. Gittus, Miss E. Woods, Rev. M. Anson, Mr. R. Fenwick, Mrs. Robinson, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Walkden, Miss Cohn, Mr. Wright, Miss White, Professor and Mrs. Schulunsland, Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt, Mr. and Mrs. English, Mr. and Mrs. Peel, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. R. Hiatt, Mrs. Hiatt, Mrs. Withers, Messrs. Seacombe (2), Mrs. Moran, Mr. Smith, Mr. J. Lawrence, Mr. Bauer, Mr. Woolcott, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hector, Miss Willis, Miss Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. and Miss Orr, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Leary, Mr. J. Katling, Miss Grey, Miss Spark, Dr. and Mrs. Bryant, Mr. R. Hergmann, Mr. S. M'Cormack, Mr. and Mrs. M'Kenzie, Mrs. Mock and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gibb and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn, Miss Richardson, Mr. H. M'Laren, Mr. Shallcross, Mr. Goodman, Colonel Craster, Mr. Scott, and 26 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Peregrine (s.), 1660 tons, Captain J. Pain, from Brisbane 24th February. Passengers—Mesdames Morrison and child, Hancock and 2 children, Webb and son, O'Hara, O. D. Cooper and 2 children, Baird and 5 children, C. R. Smith, Misses Dominis, Benson (2), Thompson (2), Adjutant Baird, Messrs. F. Webster, Perkins, O. D. Cooper, R. Sheard, P. Sheard, Taylor, W. Lovelace, A. Weis, J. Doherty, S. H. Fuller, and 50 in the steerage. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Lancing, ship, 2600 tons, Captain Hatfield, from San Francisco. Davies and Fehon, agents.

Geneva, barque, 471 tons, Captain Paulsen, from Eureka. J. I. Falk and Co., agents.

St. Louis (s.), 1848 tons, Captain Goodineau, from Lyttelton, via Newcastle. R. Towns, agent.

Namoi (s.), 1414 tons, Captain Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, agents.

Ranelagh (s.), 836 tons, Captain T. Law Johnstone, from Rockhampton, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. O'Connell, Misses Ada Juncen, Louisa Robson, Gaylard, Monckton, Rev. J. R. Williams, Messrs. W. G. Johns, J. Phypno, C. Munce, R. Garschagen, S. Halahan, C. J. Oelrichs, F. Ward, Masters O'Connell (2), Monckton (2), and 11 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Allowrie (s.), 507 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden, via ports. Passengers—Mesdames Tier, Stronach, Stone, Misses Tier, O'Reilly, Messrs. Southam, Taylor, Stone, Hayes, Linton, Rev. Andrews, and 5 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, agents.

Kallatina (s.), 680 tons, Captain John Magee, from Grafton 24th instant. Passengers—Mesdames Grainger, Duffey, Greaves, Misses Walden, Little, Bassetts, M'Connell, Rush, Irwin, Messrs. J. Perritt, F. O. Pate, T. Broome, L. Smith, H. S. Wyld, R. R. Hart, E. Bridge, L. Blackwood, T. Stevenson, and 11 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—February 25.

Amur (s.), for Noumea and New Hebrides.
Tarawera (s.), for Newcastle.
Sarah and Mary, schooner, for Invercargill, via Newcastle.
Indianapolis (s.), for Fremantle.
Oonah (s.), for Hobart.
Concordia, ship, for Iquique, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—February 26.

Franklin (s.), for Cairns, via ports; Ranelagh (s.), for Rockhampton, via ports; Bothwell Castle (s.), for Western Australia, via ports; Augusta (s.), for Tweed River; Macleay (s.), for Richmond River; Rosedale (s.), for Manning River; Electra (s.), for Port Macquarie; Oakland (s.), for Richmond River, via Newcastle; Illawarra S. N. Company's steamers, for Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Clyde River, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay, and Ulladulla; Sydney (s.), for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—February 25.

Cromarty (s.), 2881 tons, Captain Duncan, for Dunkirk, Antwerp, and London, via Melbourne.

Indianapolis (s.), 2465 tons, Captain J. Brown, for Fremantle.

Tarawera (s.), 2003 tons, Captain H. J. Richardson, for Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Sarah and Mary, schooner, 145 tons, Captain J. Bushell, for Invercargill, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Amur, 997 tons, Captain Frederick Dellamore, for Noumea, Suva, and Levuka, via Newcastle. Passengers—Brother Columba, and 1 in the steerage.

Oonah (s.), 1767 tons, Captain W. J. Featherstone, for Hobart. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Nott, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fulwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weymark and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell 3 children and maid, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. M'Mahon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Scott, Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Collison and family, Mesdames Hudson, Neck, A. J. Usher, J. K. Cleve, jun., and child, Misses Croal, Finlayter, E. Lewis, Malone, Noble, Messrs. H. G. Ewington, Noble, Clarke, T. Kennedy, A. Kemp, G. Templeman, G. Aitkenhead, T. William, R. Muir, C. A. Lawrence, Newsham, and 11 in the steerage.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—February 25.

Cookow, schooner, Captain W. Trillott, for Tweed River, via Newcastle; Enterprise, ketch, Captain F. Simonsen, for Nambucca River; Alfred Fenning, ketch, Captain J. Ferguson, for Manning River; Annie, ketch, Captain J. B. Smith, for Cape Hawke; Pearl, ketch, Captain J. Brown, for Port Stephens.

IMPORTS.—February 25.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Kallatina (s.), from Grafton: 1888 bags maize, 231 bags potatoes, 878 bags sugar, 4 bags hair, 8 bags pumpkins, 2 bales skins, 104 cases eggs, 8 cases fruit, 3 casks tallow, 17 coops poultry, 61 hides, 180 melons, 305 boxes butter, 19 pigs, 20 logs pine, 411 pieces cedar, 5000 spokes, and sundries.

Peregrine (s.), from Brisbane and ports: 592 bunches bananas, 800 hides, 20 casks tallow, 10 bundles 26 bags hides, 10 bundles kangarooskins, 197 bundles sheepskins, 300 cases pines, 14 bags oysters, 12 bags bones, and a quantity of sundries, also a quantity of cargo for Southern ports.

Lancing, ship, from San Francisco: 4000 half-sacks flour, 15,697 sacks wheat, 1435 cases salmon, 5550 doors, 272 reels and 85 bales paper, 101 bundles broom handles, 60 bales broom corn, 5174 pieces lumber.

Geneva, barque, from Eureka: 23,358 pieces redwood, 200 bundles shingles.

St. Louis (s.), from Lyttelton: 2325 sacks flour, 40 sacks bran, 50 sacks sharps, 730 sacks wheat, 50 sacks oats, 80 sacks peas.

Elizabeth Price, barquentine, from Kaipara: 84,903ft. timber.

Franklin (s.), from Queensland ports: 252 hides, 85 bags hides, 7 bales wool, 5 bales sheepskins, 14 kegs nails, 18 casks tallow, 222 sacks sugar, 2800 bunches bananas, 3000ft. cedar boards, 8 shafts, 3 wheels, and sundries.

Ranelagh (s.), from Queensland ports: 75 bales wool, 17 casks tallow, 8 casks skins, 82 hides, 21 bags seeds, 17 packages bolts, 244 bundles fishplates, 16 cases bananas, 364 cases pines, 37 packages galvanised iron, and sundries.

Allowrie (s.), from Eden, via ports: 2398 cheese, 868 cases butter, 67 kegs butter, 43 cans cream, 38 bales wool, 258 bags bark, 20 bags cattle food, 10 bags bones, 20 bags bacon, 7 bales leather, 8 bales skins, 24 hides, 82 pigs, and sundries.

Tarawera (s.), from Wellington: 1394 sacks oats, 180 sacks oatmeal, 600 sacks malt, 117 bales hemp, 50 sacks ryecorn, 55 sacks linseed, 139 sacks grass seed, 275 sacks flour, 36 sacks peas, 16 bales flax, 1 case fish, 29 packages agricultural implements, 140 packages sundries.

Ex Lancing, from San Francisco: 272 reels printing paper —JOHN FAIRFAX AND SONS.

EXPORTS.—February 25.

Cromarty (s.), for Dunkirk, Antwerp, and London, via Melbourne: 5380 bales wool, 205 bales sheepskins, 55 bales leather, 80 bales glue pieces, 7 logs timber, 8 bales skins, 6780 bags ore, 26,588 bags concentrates, 2 cases honey, 2 cases beeswax; also, from Newcastle, 1030 bales wool, 134 bales sheepskins.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: February 25, Barrabool (s.), Fifeshire (s.), Arawatta (s.), from Sydney; Aramac (s.), from Cooktown, via ports; Burwah (s.) and Eurimbla (s.), from Rockhampton.

TOWNSVILLE.—Departure: February 25, Wodonga (s.), for Cooktown, via ports.

CAIRNS.—Departure: February 24, Emu (s.), for Brisbane, via ports.

COOKTOWN.—Departure: February 24, India, R.M.S., for London.

NORMANTON.—Arrival: February 24, Warrego (s.), from Cooktown.

YAMBA.—Arrival: February 25, City of Grafton (s.), from Sydney.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: February 25, Glaucus (s.), from Melbourne; Tangier (s.), from Fremantle; Celtic Bard, ship, from Alcon Bay; Excelsior, ketch, from Lake Macquarie; Western (s.), Lubra (s.), Sydney (s.), Captain Cook (s.), Tekapo (s.), Duckenfield (s.), Vallee, Advance, schooners, Tarawera (s.), Fanny Fisher, barque, Thomas Stowe, barque, from Sydney; Nonantum, barque, from Fremantle. Departures: February 25, Glaucus (s.), for Melbourne, with 900 tons coal; Falls of Foyers, ship, for San Francisco, with 2930 tons coal; Tekapo (s.), for Launceston, via Sydney, with 1000 tons coal; Western (s.), Captain Cook (s.), Lubra (s.), Duckenfield (s.), Sydney (s.), for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: February 25, Armand Behic (s.) at 7.10 a.m., the German mail steamer Prinz Regent Luitpold at 11.30 a.m., west; Tagliaferro (s.) at 12.10 p.m., Tyrian at 6.20 p.m., north.

QUEENSCLIFF LOOKOUT.—February 25: The R.M.S. Arcadia cleared the Heads at 3.50 p.m., for Sydney.

MELBOURNE.—Arrival: February 25, Oruba, R.M.S., from Sydney, via Hobart. Departures: February 25, Arcadia, R.M.S., for Sydney; New Guinea (s.), for Western Australia; Essen (s.) and Federal (s.), for Sydney.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: February 25, Adelaide (s.), from Fremantle; Wild Wave, barque, from Esperance; Lindus (s.), from Newcastle.

PORT PIRIE.—Arrival: February 25, Industry, ship, from Adelaide. Departure: February 25, Dovedale (s.), for Sydney.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Departure: February 25, Heroine, schooner, at 1.30 a.m. Passed: February 25, Barrabool (s.) at 10.15 a.m., north.

BYRON BAY.—Arrival: February 25, Kurrara (s.) at 10 a.m., from Sydney.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Departure: February 25, Western Star, schooner, at 2.50 p.m.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: February 25, City of Grafton (s.) at 6.45 a.m., from Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: February 25, Yomshire Maru (s.) at 2 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrivals: February 25, Fernmount (s.) at 5.50 a.m., from Bellinger River; J. G. Kondio, schooner, at 2.15 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: February 25, Burrawong (s.) at 2.20 p.m., for Sydney.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Departure: February 25, Billie Barlow (s.) at 1 a.m., for Sydney.

CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: February 25, Bell Bird, ketch, and S. A. Hayward, ketch, at 2.30 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS.—Departure: February 25, Rosedale (s.) at 2.40 p.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: February 25, Oakland (s.) at 1 p.m., and Peregrine (s.) at 1.50 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS.—Passed: February 25, Monarch, schooner, at 12.50 p.m., north.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—Departures: February 25, Mary Davis, ketch, at 2 a.m., for Sydney; Excelsior, ketch, at 9.30 a.m., for Newcastle.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: February 25, Kingsley (s.) at 1.15 p.m., Roy, lugger, at 4.45 p.m. Departure: February 25, Theresa, ketch, at 4.45 p.m.

BELLAMBI.—Departures: February 24, Sydney Belle, brigantine, at 7.30 p.m., for Gisborne. February 25, Currajong (s.) at 5 a.m., for Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: February 25, Mount Kembla (s.) during night, from Sydney; Malcolm, schooner, at midnight, from Sydney. Departures: February 25, Garron, schooner, Prospero, brig, at 6.30 p.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Departures: February 25, Illawarra (s.) at 8.15 a.m., and Coomonderry (s.) at 11.45 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: February 25, Indianapolis (s.) at 12.30 p.m., south; Bonnie Dundee, schooner, at 1.35 p.m., south; Kashy (s.) at 3.15 p.m., north; a topsail schooner at 5.50 p.m., north; Peterborough (s.) at 7 p.m., north.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: February 25, Peterborough (s.) at 11.30 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: February 25, Tagliaferro (s.) at 2.30 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: February 25, Armand Behic, F.M.S., at 7.10 a.m., and Prinz Regent Luitpold, G.M.S., at 11.30 a.m., west; Tagliaferro (s.) at 12.10 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: February 25, Ashley (s.) at 7.30 a.m., Gulf of Lions (s.) at 2.30 p.m. Passed outwards: February 24, steamer at 11.30 p.m.

STRAHAN (TAS.).—Departure: February 25, Bellinger (s.) at daylight, for Melbourne.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Arrivals: February 25, Waroonga (s.), from Adelaide. February 25, Barbarossa, G.M.S., at 6.20 a.m., from Colombo. Departure: February 25, Barbarossa, G.M.S., at 1 p.m., for Adelaide.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Arrivals: February 23, Cloncurry (s.), from Eastern colonies. February 24, Kellee (s.), from Geraldton; Hesperus, barque, from Puget Sound; Bullarra (s.), from Albany. Departures: February 23, La Serena (s.), for Albany. February 24, Kilmanite (s.), for Eastern colonies; Marloo (s.), for Melbourne.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average annual rainfall for 38 years, 49·852.
Average for 38 years, from 1st January to 31st January, 3·650.
Total rainfall from 1st January, 1897, to 25th February, 2·607.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 29·990.
Humidity at 9 a.m., 48; 3 p.m., 44.
Temperature.—Maximum, 80; minimum, 61.
Temperature at 9 p.m., 69·7.
Barometer at 9 p.m., 29·711.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·80; Gascoigne, 29·74; Perth, 29·93; Esperance Bay, 29·99; Eucla, 30·04; Streaky Bay, 30·07; Adelaide, 30·10; Robe, 30·07; Portland, 30·07; Melbourne, 29·98; Wilson's Promontory, 29·70; Gabo Island, 29·49; Cape St. George, 29·67; Sydney, 29·70; Newcastle, 29·74; Port Macquarie, 29·75; Clarence Heads, 29·73; Brisbane, 29·69; Rockhampton, 29·70; Mackay, 29·83; Cooktown, 29·84.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M., BY MR. H. C. RUSSELL, GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

New South Wales.—Fine, cool, and pleasant generally.
New Caledonia.—Fine and clear at Gomen.
Western Australia.—Generally fine and clear.
South Australia.—Overcast and cool generally.
Victoria and Straits.—Unsettled to showery generally.
Tasmania.—Showery generally.
Queensland.—Generally cloudy and hot.
Central and North Australia.—Unsettled throughout, raining in the north.
New Zealand.—Fine and clear throughout.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN PREVIOUS 24 HOURS TO 9 A.M.

Western Australia.—Moderate to heavy in N.
Northern Territory.—Light to heavy generally.
Tasmania.—Light to moderate generally.
Victoria.—Light in southern parts. Cape Otway, 0·09; Cape Schanck, 0·19; Melbourne, 0·16; Port Albert, 0·15; Queenscliff, 0·37.
Queensland.—Light to heavy and scattered throughout with thunderstorms, except in far S.W. and S. Cape Moreton, 0·25; Clermont, 0·20; Cooktown, 0·43; Camooweal, 0·16; Gilbert Town, 1·83; Longreach, 0·04; Maryborough, 0·13; Normanton, 0·40; Rockhampton, 0·70; Springsure, 0·21; Winton, 0·08.
South Australia.—Dalywaters, 1·82; Port Darwin, 1·17.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 1ft. 7in.; Balranald, 1ft.; Bingara, 1ft., stationery; Bourke, 11in., falling; Brewarrina, low; Euabalong, 1ft., stationery; Euston, 8ft. 4in.; Forbes, 2ft., stationery; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 3ft., stationery; Hay, 3ft. 7in.; Hillston, 2ft. 10in., falling; Louth, low; Manilla, low; Menindie, 8ft. 2½in.; Mogil Mogil, low; Mungindi, 3ft. 1in., falling; Pooncarie, 7ft. 9in.; Tilpa, 4ft. 6in., falling; Tocumwal, 2ft.; Wagga Wagga, 2ft. 8in.; Wentworth, 4ft. 9½in.; Wilcannia, 4ft. 5in., falling; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, low; Namoi River, at Walgett, low; Goondiwindi, low.

3 P.M. OBSERVATIONS.

Deniliquin, S.W., cloudy, 73·0; Newcastle, S.S.E., fine, 76; Eden, S.W., showers, 67; Wentworth, S., cloudy, 80; Dubbo, S.W., fine, 76; Yamba, S., fine, 82; Bourke, S.W., cloudy, 76; Wilcannia, S.W., fine, 73; Sydney, E., fine, 75.

COASTAL WEATHER REPORTS AT 3 P.M.

Tweed Heads, E.S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Byron Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S.S.W., fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, E., light, hazy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, S.E., light, hazy, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, S.E., light, hazy, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, calm, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, S.E., light, hazy, sea moderate; Port Stephens, S.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, E.S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, calm, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, calm, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, S., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, S.S.E., strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S., strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S.E., strong, cloudy, sea rising; Ulladulla, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, S., strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Eden, S.W., strong, squally, sea smooth; Green Cape, W., strong, cloudy, sea rough; Gabo Island, S.W., fresh gale, squally, showery, sea high.

FORECASTS AT 4 P.M.

New South Wales.—Variable winds, chiefly from W. to S.; weather fine generally.—H. C. Russell.
South Australia.—Fine and cool, broken clouds, light S.E. and E. winds, tending N.E.—C. Todd.
Victoria.—Finer in most places inland, but still squally and showery in the S.E., with gales in eastern straits and high seas, but moderating.—P. Baracchi.

SPECIAL FORECASTS FOR AUSTRALASIA AND OCEANIA, BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Moderately fine on the centre and west; coast squally, with rising seas south from Kiama; vessels rounding Gabo will still meet heavy weather.
Western Australia.—Heavy rain and squalls north from Carnarvon; fine but cloudy elsewhere; a new disturbance named "Anna" will shortly approach Cape Leeuwin.
Northern Territory.—Stormy and much rain.
South Australia.—Mostly fine, but cloudy; rough seas south from Robe, soon moderating.
Queensland.—Unsettled; capricious rain and electric disturbance.
Victoria.—Stormy and squally, with rain.
New Zealand.—Bad weather approaching the west coast.
New Caledonia.—Occasional showers; disturbance "Vabia" midway between Hobart and Wellington.
Rough seas obtain generally between Ulladulla, Hobart, and Portland, Tasmania, and the Bluff.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR FEBRUARY 26.

Sun rises at 5.41, sets at 6.33; Moon, 12.11 a.m., 2.49 p.m.; Mercury, 5.43 a.m., 5.26 p.m.; Venus, 9.25 a.m., 8.24 p.m.; Mars, 1.58 p.m., 11.32 p.m.; Jupiter, 6.25 p.m., 5.32 a.m.; Saturn, 10.30 p.m., 12.20 p.m.
New moon, 2nd; full moon, 17th.
High water at Fort Denison, 4.1 a.m., 4.30 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 4 and 9.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 4.15, 7, and 9.30 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Noumea and New Hebrides, via Newcastle.—Amur, 8 a.m.
Clyde River.—Allowrie, 9 a.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Melbourne.—F.M.S. Armand Behic, 3 p.m.
Port Macquarie, Bellinger, and Nambucca Rivers.—Electra, 6 p.m.
Richmond River.—Macleay, 7 p.m.
Manning River.—Rosedale, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Launceston, via Eden.—Tekapo, 9 a.m.
Melbourne and Adelaide.—Peregrine, 11 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—Massilia, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Tarawera, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Mauri, noon.
Brisbane.—Tyrian, 1 p.m.
Noumea and New Hebrides.—La Perouse, 5 p.m.
Noumea.—St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Clarence and Richmond Rivers.—Kallatina, 6 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.
India, Mauritius, and Continent of Europe.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per Oruba, 2.30 p.m.
United Kingdom.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per Oruba, 3 p.m.
R.M.S. Oruba (Letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 3 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 4 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Oruba, 4 p.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 7 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Kurrara, 8 p.m.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1897.

The palace of the Governor at Canea, the capital of Crete, has been destroyed by what is believed to have been an incendiary fire. The Governor's safe, containing about £7000, fell into the flames.

Marines from the men-of-war in the harbour fired blank cartridges to prevent the mob plundering, thereby nearly provoking a riot.

In reply to the request of the Christians and the Moslems at Selino the Admirals of the foreign fleets state that they are unable to spare marines to occupy the town.

The Powers have unanimously decided to grant an extensive scheme of autonomy to Crete, under which the island will be transformed into a privileged province.

They undertake to reorganise the administration of the Government in Crete, at the same time retaining some connecting link with Turkey.

The Powers order the Turkish troops and administration to be withdrawn from Crete as early as possible, and Greece is also required to summarily evacuate the island.

In the event of Greece refusing to accept the decision a policy of coercion, and ultimately the blockade of Crete, will be adopted.

Mr. Goschen, speaking at the City Carlton Club, stated that Lord Salisbury and Mr. A. J. Balfour would announce the decision of the Powers on Friday.

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He added that the British Government would remain in accord with the European concert, which alone was able to save the world from a great danger.

The *Times* says that a great diplomatic success has been attained, and that the representatives of the Powers have earned the gratitude of all who love peace.

The *Standard* says that Greece is prepared to reject the decision of the Powers, and adds that the Government proposes to persevere in King George's policy.

Two of the most influential newspapers at Athens advocate the submission of Greece to the decision of the Powers.

The other Greek journals adopt a bellicose tone, and urge the Government to declare war and to advance into Macedonia.

The Orient liner Orotava, which is ashore near Perim, in the Red Sea, is at present undamaged. Her cargo is to be lightered. The steamer Cossack has gone to her assistance.

A disastrous explosion occurred at Nobel's dynamite factory at Stevenston on Wednesday. Six persons were killed on the spot.

The will of the Hon. Anthony Forster, M.L.C., of South Australia, has been proved in London. The personalty was sworn at £26,482.

Mr. Edward Wingfield, C.B., has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of the Colonial Office, in succession to Sir Robert H. Meade, K.C.B.

Lady Wallace, widow of the late Sir Richard Wallace, Bart., K.C.B., has bequeathed to the nation Hertford House, Manchester-square, London W., together with the collection of pictures and works of art, valued at over £1,000,000.

The bequest is conditional on the Government erecting a museum.

Sir J. Gordon Sprigg states that 2000 Bechuanas at Landberg, Bechuanaland, are disloyal, if not actually rebels.

In New Zealand the total number of votes recorded at the recent licensing poll was 260,000. Of these 139,000 voted for the continuance of licenses and 120,000 for a reduction. The number of voters on the roll was 339,000.

Sir John Forrest's decision to accept Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to visit England has been approved by the Cabinet of Western Australia.

A special session of the Parliament of that colony will be called to meet about the 11th of March, and members will be asked to vote two months' supplies.

On Monday last Sir John Forrest completed his sixth year of office as Premier of Western Australia. This is the Australasian record.

The South Australian Parliament has been further prorogued till the 1st of May.

In Adelaide, there are now six boot factories closed, owing to the strike of operative bootmakers.

Yesterday at the Central Criminal Court J. H. Amora was sentenced to two years' hard labour in Darlinghurst Gaol for misappropriation of £190. Several points were reserved for the decision of the Full Court.

At the Central Criminal Court yesterday A. J. Speer, late city treasurer, was sentenced to six years' penal servitude for embezzlement of moneys belonging to the City Council.

Business in investments in the Stock and Share market yesterday was very limited, but prices were very strong. Nothing was done in public securities.

Rather more activity was displayed in the Import market yesterday, but the buoyancy was confined to but few departments. Breadstuffs moved off slowly, at recently current rates.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 209 bales of wool were manifested. Fifty-three bales were received by rail at Newcastle on Wednesday.

The improvement in the Mining market was continued yesterday, both silver and gold stocks generally participating in the firmness.

The Customs revenue received yesterday amounted to £4871.

Chief Justice Way, of South Australia, still continues to be the recipient of congratulations upon his appointment to the honourable position of a Privy Councillor. There is no reason to doubt that these felicitations are as sincere as they are general, and all will be ready to admit that they are well merited. Chief Justice Way is one of the two or three Judges of the Supreme Courts in these colonies who enjoy a reputation and a popularity not limited to their own provinces, but extending throughout Australia. The readiness with which the support of several colonies was secured to his nomination to the Colonial Office is ample evidence of the esteem and favour in which he is held by the colonies as a whole. We may, therefore, join in cordially congratulating Chief Justice Way on the honour conferred upon him by the authorities of the Empire, and equally so on the goodwill of his Australian fellow-citizens, by means of which that distinction was secured.

If the position conferred were one of a purely honorific nature these congratulations having been expressed there would be no more to say. As the case stands they leave the colonies in a state of something like bewilderment. It was not as a spontaneous act of grace from the fountain of honour that Chief Justice Way is appointed to the Privy Council. It was the result of representations which have been made to the Imperial Government by some of the Supreme Court Benches of Australia over a period of some years. It has been pointed out that though the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council is the ultimate appeal court for the colonial parts of the Empire, no Judge from the colonial courts was included among the members of the committee. And the argument, a not unreasonable one, was urged that the Judicial Committee would be strengthened for the work it has to do if a Judge from a colonial court were appointed to the committee, in the same way as has been done with retired Judges from India, Sir Richard Couch being a present example. The Colonial Office, with that readiness which it has always shown to meet the legitimate desires of the colonies, took measures which seemed to it fitted to comply with these desires. Unfortunately from want of proper consideration or adequate knowledge the way the Imperial Government took to give effect to its purpose is one which can scarcely afford satisfaction to any quarter interested in the matter, while it apparently unconsciously introduced some startling and menacing novelties into the judicial system of the Empire, novelties of a kind which it has always been the pride of Englishmen to declare could have no place in their method of law administration.

In the first place, by the course he has adopted, Mr. Chamberlain has made a place in the highest law tribunal of the Empire depend upon the principle of election. The appointment is made to depend upon the highest number of votes of the Colonial Governments given in support of a nomination. We have been sometimes assured that nominee members of a Legislative Council are chosen, though indirectly, by popular election, since the Ministers who make the appointments are there by force of the choice of the people. If that is correct it must be equally so with regard to the results of popular election in the nomination of a Judge to a seat on the committee of the Privy Council. It is to no purpose to say that this process is identical with the ordinary one by which Judges are appointed. This is not the case. Judges are appointed by a single Government exercising its authority under the guarantee of responsibility. The seat in the Privy Council is the result of a nomination by a majority of Governments; in other words, by an ordinary method of election. Whether this process of securing Judges by election will receive further extension has to be seen. At present all that is said is that it is a novelty, and one of a rather unexpected kind.

If the appointment of the colonial member of the Judicial Committee is of a questionable form, his status when appointed is equally questionable. He is not, so to speak, a regular, but only an occasional member of the Court. The Judge is here, and the Court is on the other side of the world; therefore the part he takes in its procedure can only be casual and intermittent. He is not to receive salary like the Imperial members of the Court; his salary, if any, is to be the result of a kind of collection through the colonies. Everything seems to be done to belittle his position and status, and to reduce him to the character of a kind of delegate assessor from the colonies. A Judge chosen by political election, paid by a political vote, or left unpaid and reduced to something of the status of a representative or delegate, is certainly not the contribution which the colonies desired to make to the Court of final colonial appeal.

If any doubt existed as to how this curious system is likely to work in practice, we got it adequately answered by the present case of Chief Justice Way. The system was at its start fortunate in getting in his Honor a nominee fitted to adorn the Court of which he now becomes a potential member. Indeed, we may go further, and assert that, defective as is the method of nomination, it is never likely in practice to result in any choice that would do other than credit alike to the colonies and to the Judicial Committee. But what is the present position? The learned Judge whose appointment is in question is Chief Justice of South Australia. He is not understood to meditate retirement from that post, nor is it believed that the colony desires to part with him. But if he fulfils the duties of Chief Justice of South Australia, how is he to discharge those of a member of the Privy Council Appellate Court? Should he terminate his duties as Chief Justice, he would also terminate his salary or exchange it for a pension. The chance of having this supplemented by contributions from the colonies is perhaps a doubtful one. The whole matter is full of unsatisfactory suggestions. Perhaps the best course is to regard Chief Justice Way's appointment as a merely honorific and well-merited one, and one which leaves all the questions and the difficulties of the Judicial Committee position open till the time comes when they may assume a real and practical form.

We are accustomed to believe that the quality of the various meats grown in these colonies is in every way equal to the quality of the home-grown article to which they are such formidable rivals. It is a faith which none of the facts of the meat market are in any degree able to shake. The leading fact in the whole trade is that the selling price of the best colonial is very substantially lower than the selling price of the lowest of the commanding grades of Scotch and English. In the beginning it was said that this discrepancy, being due not to difference of quality, but to a combination of selfishness and ignorance, must in the ordinary course of business disappear. The theory, in fact—and specious enough it was as a theory—was that in the great London market justice is always in the long run done to him who has the patience to wait. The difference in the values was, therefore, largely regarded by the colonial grower of meat as a thing to be put down among the preliminary expenses which beset every venture at the outset. But the consumption of colonial meat increased, the colonial meat trade became thoroughly well established, mighty industries grew up around it, great ships live on it, huge stores, of the capacity each of a large Australian run well stocked in a favourable season, rear their heads, not in London alone, but in many of the more populous provincial centres of distribution, public companies and private firms vie with one another for the profit and the control of a huge and growing business, the attention of all the Governments of Australasia is deeply engaged by the exigencies of a vast development. In a single week, in Smithfield alone, a delivery of 40,000 colonial sheep and lambs by a single firm is by no means uncommon, and no one is surprised at an occasional daily sale by single firms of meat up to 250 tons. In this connection we may quote a recent export of a single day's delivery comprising 9526 sheep, 489 lambs, and sundry joints of mutton and quarters of beef, the whole aggregating 561,755lb. distributed to 663 different customers. But the prices fall steadily in proportion to the increase in the supplies, as is apt to be the case in markets. In our case the matter is aggravated, as we have pointed out, by the concentration of all the storage facilities at the market end, and by the evils of the system of distribution which has grown up round that unfortunate practice. Much remains also to be done in educating consumers in the proper treatment of the cheaper colonial article. Such is, in brief, the state of a trade, the leading fact of which is the discrepancy in the market values of home-grown and colonial meat, and the leading feature of which is the firm belief of the colonists in the equality of the nutritive and palatable quality of both. Happily, another feature now presents itself in the shape of a marked desire on the part of the consumer to investigate this question of the relative values.

The army authorities are, according to a recent cable message, about to hold an exhaustive inquiry in order to ascertain whether they are wasting money upon Scotch mutton when they can get as good meat cheaper from the colonies. The suspicion here disclosed is a hopeful sign for the colonial trade, especially as it is certainly the direct consequence of that trade's recent very large expansion. When so many clubs, public institutions, and business establishments, and so large a section of the general public, are steady consumers of the colonial article, it is impossible that the question, in its relative value, can be any longer ignored. The question is, however, by no means shrouded in darkness. On the contrary, tests have been scientifically made, and the results are on record even for him who runs to read. The first of these records was published last July in the *Hospital* newspaper. It was the record of a trial baking of two legs of mutton, one English, the other colonial, the former weighing 8lb. 6oz., the latter 7lb. 14oz. Particulars were given of the weights when taken from the oven, of the weights of the slices suitable for hospital diets, of the weights of bone and waste after carving, of the weights of pure bone and dripping, and of gravy, from which it will be seen that the test was exhaustive. The result was encouraging indeed from the colonial point of view. It was found that the English joint lost more in proportion during the baking—a proof perhaps that the freezing process has a drying effect on the meat—that the superior weight of useful meat (4oz.) yielded by the English joint was not more than the proportion due to the superior weight (8oz.) before cooking, and that the gravy, fat, and waste were about equal in both cases, regard being had to the condition of each example. Another test was made some little time later with a view to comparison of the relative nutritive qualities. Three legs of mutton, Scotch, Canterbury, and Australian, were in this case compared under the direction of Dr. Rideal, D.Sc., Lond., F.I.C. The lean meat being removed from each, passed uncooked through a sausage machine, and subjected to various artificial digestion experiments, being treated with solution of pepsin, mixed with hydrochloric acid and distilled water, for one hour, at a temperature of 38° C. The result was found to be that the amount of digestion was very nearly the same for each kind of meat, in proportion to the amount of matter capable of digestion present as measured by the quantity of nitrogen existing in each kind. An equally satisfactory comparison was made with beef, Queensland, American, and English, by Dr. Rideal, the public analyst above mentioned. That officer reported (1) that microscopical examination showed, after thawing, that the meat fibres had not been ruptured nor in any way altered by the hard-freezing process adopted by Queensland shippers, while the changes in the meat juice and fat were very slight, and (2) that judging by the proportion of dry fibrin it was apparent that the methods of preservation had not modified the digestibility of the lean meat in any way. It is worthy of note that the worst result in this experiment, in the matter of digestibility, was given by the sample of American chilled beef. On the whole, the experiments were most encouraging, the only thing to be regretted being that they were not more numerous, more comprehensive, and on a larger scale.

The action of the army authorities will afford the opportunity of removing that cause for regret. Every meatgrower in Australasia will welcome that action as decisive, and every one concerned in the trade ought to be ready to assist the investigation by every possible means. The experts who will be appealed to by the army authorities will of course command the respect due to their competency and standing. If the comprehensiveness and scale of the comparisons are only in proportion to the calibre of the analysts there will be nothing left to be desired. This is a great occasion. The inquiries at the War Office have brought the colonial meat trade to a point at which its development may receive an impulse of almost incalculable force. We trust the colonial Governments will be equal to the occasion. The importance of the meat industry to their several colonies warrants them in taking a practical interest in the comparison about to be made. We feel sure that the same reason will induce the military authorities to accept any suggestions which the Agents-General in London may be authorised by their respective Governments to make.

The decision given by his Honor Judge Fitzhardinge in the Ancient Order of Druids case will be viewed as of great interest and importance to all friendly society lodges and their members. The question involved the whole relation of a lodge to the Grand Lodge of its order, and also its whole status as a corporation. On one side there was the claim of the Grand Lodge to a kind of power of legislation for all lodges of the order, on the other the refusal of a lodge to accept a bylaw of the kind for which its acceptance was demanded. One view reduced the lodges to the position of dependent branches, the other treated them as virtually independent corporations with full powers to make bylaws for themselves. The decision of the Judge is on all the points in favour of the claim to, so to speak, perfect autonomy on the part of the lodges, and in denial of the authority asserted by the Grand Lodge. The case was rendered more difficult of decision from there being apparently much in the law, or at any rate the practice, of the order to lend support to each of the two conflicting views. The decision would appear to be in some of its points applicable to many friendly societies besides that in respect to which it was given. It may be held to materially alter the guarantee of sound and well considered regulation which the more centralised system would seem to supply. Of course the matter for the Judge's decision was a purely legal one, and in view of its importance we may be sure that if it is thought open to question on any point steps will be taken to get it reviewed by the Supreme Court.

A decidedly unpleasant feature in the annual report of the Water and Sewerage Board published this morning is the attention directed by Dr. Kendall to what he calls the extreme prevalence of typhoid fever among children attending school. Some figures quoted help to bear out the statement. During the year the number of deaths in the metropolis from this cause amounted to 428, which, by the way, is 13 less than that for the preceding year. Of this number, 52 are returned as patients between the ages of 5 years and 20. Dr. Kendall is at some pains to point out in the course of his report some of the causes that tend to make the city and suburbs rather favourable to the propagation of typhoid, and, so far as this part of the case goes, there is nothing to show that the patients who died between the ages named did not contract the disease at their own homes. But further on it will be seen that in giving the analysis of 81 cases that terminated fatally, though the houses of patients possessed sanitary arrangements in accordance with the board's regulations, no less than 45 are shown to be of school children. This number is far in excess of that under any other classification, domestic servants coming second with 7, and housewives third with 4. The facts, therefore, are sufficiently clear to warrant that investigation into the sanitary condition of the schools which Dr. Kendall urges upon the authorities. He makes his request more particularly in connection with Public schools, but the inspection might with advantage be extended to all premises in which "the protracted close contact of children in schools" offers facility for infection. It is certainly satisfactory to know in this connection that the Education Department has made arrangements to reorganise the sanitary arrangements of the Public schools.

The Dairies Supervision Act and the Public Health Act are not measures intended for show. They are the drastic machinery devised for the safeguarding of a great industry and the protection of the lives and health of the people of the country. When the Supervision Act was passed, just over ten years ago, it gave great satisfaction to those who realised what the dairy industry owed to science. The fiat of science had gone forth that absolute cleanliness must wait upon the processes of dairying, on each and all of them unceasingly alike. Not only this, but science demonstrated what cleanliness was essential in all things—drainage, water supply, neighbourhood, ventilation, cubic space of buildings, floors and floor materials, and a hundred things besides, and science proved the danger of neglect of this multiform cleanliness in connection with an article the most susceptible to taint as well as the most widely consumed of all articles of food. It is a pity that the provisions of the Act were not enforced. But as was pointed out in our columns yesterday, that hiatus has been got over partly by legislation and partly by new regulations. Naturally there is much protest and some discomfort. The tightening of reins, especially when sudden, is always disturbing. But the safety of the public is before everything. The required improvements are said to be expensive, but the sale of milk in populous centres is said to be profitable. The suppliers of dairy produce who understand their business thoroughly see no hardship in the new rules, because they are the very rules which they are observing in their factories. They are alive to the value of the butter industry, which last year, though only two years removed from its infancy in Australasia, secured nearly 8 per cent. of the sales in London, beating the butter-makers of the United States and Canada, nearly equalling the proportion of Holland, and nearly halving that of France. The total value of the butter marketed from abroad in the year was £15,344,000, and Denmark dominated it with a proportion of 40 per cent. of the sales. But these colonies are on the right track, and they are there because the workers for export know the conditions of their industry and observe them. The sooner all the other workers do the same the better.

THE QUEENSLAND HOME SECRETARY.—Mr. Horace Tozer, Home Secretary for Queensland, arrived in Sydney by the express yesterday forenoon, and left for Katoomba to rejoin his family by the afternoon train. Mr. Tozer had very few minutes to spare while in town, but he devoted a portion of his time to an interview with Mr. Sydney Smith, Minister for Agriculture.

PROPOSED MINISTERIAL VISIT TO NORTHERN DISTRICTS.—The Minister for Mines and Agriculture will make a tour in Northern districts in about three weeks' time. He will leave Sydney on 18th March for Glen Innes, and will go thence to Tenterfield and Lismore, afterwards proceeding to Queensland. While in the Northern colony Mr. Smith will make inquiries regarding the tick post and other subjects.

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Public Works committee resumed its inquiry yesterday afternoon into the proposed sewerage scheme for Parramatta. Mr. T. T. Ewing, M.L.A., presided. Mr. D. P. O'Reilly, M.L.A., for Parramatta, deposed that there was a very general wish throughout the town that the old men in the asylums should be removed. If they were removed it would increase the value of the property adjoining their buildings. He thought that there was a fair prospect of the people of Parramatta being able to pay the sewerage rates. The Parramatta people did not want the hospitals for the insane removed as they considered them a credit to the town and of benefit to it in some ways.

THE MILITARY CONTINGENT FOR ENGLAND.—The Chief Secretary, who is also Minister for Defence, does not approve of the proposal to send a military contingent to England. Mr. Brunker says he is convinced that much more advantage would arise to the troops themselves and also to the colony by the holding of an encampment at Easter. By the expenditure involved in an encampment a very much larger number of men would receive direct benefit than in the case of sending a detachment to England. As Mr. Brunker's colleagues would naturally be influenced by his opinion in a matter of this sort, his adverse conclusion may be considered to have settled the fate of the proposal.

PROPOSED TRAMWAY EXTENSION TO DRUMMOYNE.—Mr. Farnell, M.L.A., has waited on the Minister of Works with reference to the extending of tramway facilities to Drummoyne. The Minister states that he approves of the convenience being established, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining a grade to suit the motor system he has deferred the construction of the work until the electric power has been tested, and if it proves a success he sees no reason why it should not be applied to the working of the Drummoyne section within the next 12 months.

DEPUTATIONS.—Two deputations waited upon the Minister for Works yesterday. One, which consisted of the Woollahra Council, advocated the construction of the Rose Bay tramway along Bay and William streets in preference to the South Head-road in that neighbourhood; and the other, which came from North Sydney, urged that the North Sydney sewerage works should be pushed on with as much expedition as possible. The Minister informed the first deputation that the proposed deviation in the tramway would cost £1000, and although he could not see that the advantages to be gained would justify that additional expenditure, he would obtain a report on the matter. To the second deputation he said that the sewerage works were being carried out as quickly as possible, and would be completed by March, 1898.

CITY RATE.—At a meeting of the finance committee of the City Council, *yesterday*, a proposition that the city rate for the year be 1s 4d in the £ (same as last year) was carried by 17 votes to 1, Alderman Burdekin, who favoured a higher rate, owing to the expenditure for the year being estimated to exceed the revenue by about £6000.

INDIAN FAMINE FUND.—The Mayor intends to call a public meeting next week in connection with the Indian Famine Fund. He has received several donations to the fund, and a large number of subscription lists have been distributed throughout the colony.

THE ERMINGTON WHARF.—Owing to complaints made regarding the unsafe condition of the public wharf at Ermington, Mr. Farnell, M.L.A., has made representations to the Minister for Works, in consequence of which Mr. Young has approved of the amount of £220 being made available for expenditure on the Estimates for 1897-98.

EARLY CLOSING ASSOCIATION.—The Sydney and Suburban Early Closing Association held a meeting at the Temperance Hall yesterday evening, Mr. Alfred Allen presiding. The secretary (Mr. W. Main) reported that the association had been in recess for some time, and that the Shop and Factories Act was of no benefit to the association. He read a letter he received from the Minister for Labour, stating that it was probable an Early Closing Bill would be introduced next session. The chairman stated that he had thanked Mr. Samuel Hordern on behalf of the association for closing his establishment on Saturday afternoons. Mr. Hordern informed him he had no intention of reopening his premises on Saturday afternoons, and was glad he could close then, as about 6000 persons were concerned in the holiday. It was reported that some of the female employees in shops had been "intimidated" in regard to occupying seats in working hours.

PUNT SERVICE AT RYDE.—In answer to the personal representations of Mr. Farnell, M.L.A., the Minister for Works has informed that gentleman that tenders were opened on Wednesday last for the punt, landings, and approaches at Parramatta River, and that no time would be lost in accepting a tender for the work. A tender would also be shortly accepted for the construction of a hand-gear punt for service on the river.

NO FURTHER PROCEEDINGS TO BE TAKEN.—In the cases of Joseph M'Dowell, charged at the Armidale Quarter Sessions with having stolen in a dwelling house, and Michael Mennis and Alfred Fred. Chapman, tried at West Kempsey on a charge of assault, in all of which the juries disagreed, the Attorney-General has decided that no further proceedings shall be taken.

LANDS OFFICE DAY.—The applications received yesterday at the various Crown Lands Offices of the colony were for the most part confined to the conditional purchase and conditional lease clauses of the Lands Acts. But notwithstanding that the only classified area becoming available on that day was one containing three blocks in the immediate vicinity of Cooma, still other classified areas that have been open for selection for some time past attracted applicants, as will be seen from the details given below. The business of the day may be briefly summarised as follows:—Homestead selections: At Stroud, 1 of 681 acres; at Nyngan, 2 of 1234 acres; at Cooma, 3 of 180 acres; at Bombala, 2 of 100 acres; and at Inverell, 1 of 581 acres. One settlement lease at Barmedman containing 2053 acres, 2 homestead leases comprising 6783 acres, and 34 applications for conditional purchases and conditional leases comprising 9040 acres. There are now 3182 residential holdings, including 2,535,667 acres, which owe their origin to the Land Act of 1895, and assuming that only a family of three persons is settled upon each of these holdings, it will readily be seen that that Act has already gone far towards accomplishing the object for which it was primarily intended, namely, that of establishing a bona-fide resident population on the Crown lands of the colony.

BAZAAR AT PYRMONT.—A bazaar was opened in the Athenæum Hall, Union-street, Pyrmont, yesterday afternoon, by Miss Snowdon Smith. The Rev. H. T. Holliday, who was present, announced that the purpose of the bazaar was to raise funds with which to clear off the debt of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pyrmont. He thanked Messrs. Freeman and others for contributions towards the bazaar. Miss Edie Gelding presented Miss Snowdon Smith with a beautiful bunch of flowers. The stalls were under the management of the following ladies:—General stall: Mesdames M'Dougall, Parkhill, and Settle. Fancy stall: Miss Bond's class. Refreshment stall: Misses Hogg, Reid, and Lloyd. Flower stall: Mrs. and Miss Gelding. Provision stall: Mesdames King and Fuller. Toys: Misses Griffiths. Tree: Mrs. Buckland. Wealth of Nations mine: Mrs. Massey. An electric display by Mr. J. M. Taylor was an especially attractive exhibition. Amongst those present at the opening ceremony were—Mr. J. King, Mesdames Holliday, Hill, Landers, W. C. Robinson, Day, Vallack, and others.

GLEBE PRESBYTERIAN PICNIC.—The annual picnic of the Glebe Presbyterian Sunday School was held on Thursday at Fern Bay. A special steamer left Glebe Point at 8 o'clock and the Circular Quay at 1.30 p.m. to convey the children and parents to the grounds. There were about 600 children and adults present. The weather was all that could be desired, and the day was spent in games and races. In the afternoon all hands were mustered in the grand pavilion for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr. William M'Kenzie on the occasion of his resignation as superintendent of the school after a connection of about 30 years, during 15 of which he has been superintendent. The Rev. T. E. Clouston, minister of the congregation, presided, and called on the children to make their presentation. This took the form of a silver tray. The teachers then presented Mr. M'Kenzie with a beautiful address, chastely illuminated and framed. Mr. M'Kenzie replied to both, and after three hearty cheers the meeting broke up.

THE LATE MRS. HENRY DRAKE.—In the person of the late Mrs. Henry Drake the western suburbs, and especially Ashfield, have lost one of their oldest and most esteemed residents. For a period of nearly 60 years her family has been resident in the locality, Mr. Drake having removed thereto in the year 1840. Mrs. Drake, whose maiden name was Mary Clydsdale, was married in the year 1848, and with her husband had resided in Ashfield ever since. Her death, which occurred on Wednesday night, was very sudden, and was entirely unexpected. The news of her demise occasioned the deepest regret throughout the western suburbs, and sympathy for her husband and family was widely expressed. The funeral will take place this morning.

ROBBERY AT THE GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM.—The Detective Department received information yesterday of a robbery which took place at the Geological Museum on Wednesday. Early in the afternoon a small cardboard tray, containing 36 small uncut diamonds, of the value of about £6, was taken from a showcase in the Museum. About three weeks ago a tray, containing 80 similar diamonds, was stolen from the same case. Last night some of the stolen diamonds were recovered by the police in a pawnshop in the city.

DEATH OF A WOMAN.—The inquest which was opened on Monday on the body of Hosea Skuthorpe was resumed yesterday at the City Coroner's Court. Evidence was given that deceased, who was married, went on 14th December to the residence of a cousin named Frederick Pryke, railway porter, at Kensington-road, Summer Hill, and a few days after 25th December she went to live with Mrs. Lena Clifford at Chester-street, Petersham. The deceased was weak and ill. Dr. Coutie was called in, and found that she was suffering from blood-poisoning. They were unable to stop the septicemia, and the woman on 5th instant was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital, where she died on 19th instant. Dr. Taylor, who made the post mortem, was unable to say if the septicemia was caused naturally or otherwise. An open verdict was returned.

FIRES.—At 5.45 a.m. yesterday the Waverley V.F. Company got a call, given by Constable Ford, for a fire in a shed at the rear of a dwelling in Birrell-street, occupied by Mr. Charles Jenny, carter. The damage was slight. On Wednesday evening the Granville V.F.B. received a call for a fire in the Government storeyard at Clyde. A quantity of timber was destroyed. Ignition was caused by sparks from a locomotive.

A deputation from the vinegrowers of Central Cumberland will wait upon the Minister for Agriculture at half-past 11 o'clock on Wednesday next.

The Namoi will leave the Market-street Wharf at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon and also on Thursday afternoon next for the Hawkesbury River. Excursionists will proceed as far as Cowan Bay, where they will land, and the return trip will be started in time to reach Sydney shortly after 7 p.m.

On Saturday next the steamer General Gordon will make an excursion on the Hawkesbury River, connecting with trains leaving Sydney at 9 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.55 a.m.; and on Sunday in connection with train leaving Sydney, at 9.32 a.m. The river trip will occupy five hours, train reaching Sydney on return about 6 p.m. each day.

Yesterday a number of the members of the Electrical Association of New South Wales availed themselves of the invitation given by Mr. Owen Jones to inspect West's tire-setter at No. 19 Jamieson-street. A number of tires were set during the inspection, and the invention was generally approved and admired.

The band of the N.S.W. Artillery Regiment will, weather permitting, perform in Hyde Park this afternoon under the direction of Brigade Bandmaster W. F. Hutchinson, commencing at 4.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a pamphlet called "Food and Population," by Mr. W. A. Macdonald. Part of it is devoted to the crusade in regard to clothing, in the course of which Mr. Macdonald has several times been prosecuted in England.

Yesterday a sailor named James Ferguson, who resides in Margaret-street, fell from the gangway of the steamer Indianapolis into the harbour, near the Adelaide Company's Wharf. He was rescued from drowning by some of the members of the crew of the vessel and was taken to the Sydney Hospital.

A plumber named John Goss fell from a ladder at the Comptoir d'Escompte, Pitt-street, yesterday, and received injuries which necessitated his removal to the Sydney Hospital.

Mr. Halpin, the cyclist, who was injured at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday, is still in St. Vincent's Hospital. He has improved considerably.

The man who was found in an unconscious state at Erskineville on Tuesday and taken to the Prince Alfred Hospital was yesterday identified by his wife to be William Roberts, 52, who resided at Brisbaneville. He formerly lived at Camperdown and lately returned from a visit to Brisbane. Last night he was still in a semi-conscious and dazed condition.

Fisher and Co.'s Famous "Kola Nut Tonic." The great "Pick-me-up." Makes you eat. All hotels, with sodawater, 6d glass.—[ADVT.]

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE TRANSVAAL.

THE VOLKSRAAD AND THE HIGH COURT.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Further advices from Pretoria in reference to the deadlock that has occurred between the Volksraad and the High Court of Justice state that President Kruger has appealed to the Volksraad to make the position of the High Court subservient to the interests of the Rand. The Volksraad's decisions, President Kruger adds, prevented Mr. Cecil Rhodes undermining the Republic.

The Judges of the High Court of Justice have offered to assist in arriving at a friendly settlement of the difficulty with the Volksraad.

SOUTH AFRICA.

DISLOYALTY OF BECHUANAS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, the Premier of Cape Colony, states that 2000 Bechuanas at Landberg, in Bechuanaland, at which place a detachment of Cape Rifles was recently compelled to retreat, are disloyal, if not actually rebels.

THE BRITISH MISSION TO ABYSSINIA.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Mr. James Rennell Rodd, C.M.G., one of the secretaries of Lord Cromer, the British Minister at Cairo, who has been appointed the Queen's special Envoy to King Menelek of Abyssinia to endeavour to effect a settlement with regard to Soudan territory, will sail on his mission on the 11th March.

THE BISLEY RIFLE COMPETITIONS.

EVENTS OPEN TO THE COLONIAL TEAMS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The colonial rifle teams who are to take part in the National Rifle Association Meeting at Bisley will be admitted to compete in the events open to the defence forces of the Empire, as well as to the general competitions at the meeting.

Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, urges that the competitions open to the Imperial Defence Forces should be expedited, in order to enable the picked shots of the colonial teams to remain with the view of taking part in the rifle meeting.

LABOUR TROUBLES IN ENGLAND.

THE STRIKE OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

An order has been issued for a general strike on the part of the men in the employ of the North-eastern Railway Company.

The company has notified that owing to the strike the goods traffic at the chief centres of the line will be temporarily stopped.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

A disastrous explosion occurred to-day at Nobel's dynamite factory at Stevenston, in Ayrshire, Scotland. Six persons were killed on the spot.

THE R.M.S. OROTAVA.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

The Orient liner Orotava, which went ashore on the Scilla shoal, near Perim, is at present undamaged. The cargo is to be lightered.

The steamer Cossack has gone to the assistance of the Orotava.

THE COLONIAL OFFICE.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Mr. Edward Wingfield, C.B., one of the Assistant Under-Secretaries, has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary at the Colonial Office in succession to Sir Robert H. Meade, K.C.B., who has retired owing to ill-health.

THE LATE MR. ANTHONY FORSTER.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

The will of the late Hon. Anthony Forster, M.L.C., of South Australia, who died in January last at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, has been proved. The personalty was sworn at £26,482.

TO-DAY.

Criterion Theatre: "Strange Adventures," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: Variety Entertainment, 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "A Mother's Sin," 8 p.m.
Lumière Cinematographe: 478 George-street.
[illegible] Cinematographe, at 237 Pitt-street, nearly opposite the Lyceum Theatre.
Tivoli Theatre: Variety Company, 7.55 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Jerusalem," opposite Redfern Railway Station. Open 10 a.m. till 5.30 p.m., and from 7 till 10 p.m.
Australian Waxworks, Strand Arcade: Open daily.
Address by Mrs. Saunders, Y.W.C.A., 49 Phillip-street, 3 p.m.
Wesleyan Conference, Centenary Hall: Pastoral Session at 9 a.m., Representative Session at 2.30 p.m.
Randwick Grammar School Entertainment: Paddington Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Prince Alfred Hospital: Annual Meeting, 4 p.m.
National Building, Land, and Investment Company: Annual Meeting, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, 7.30 p.m.
[illegible] of Peak Hill Gold-mining Company: Meeting, 131 Pitt-street, 2.30 p.m.
[illegible] Coal-mining Company: Meeting, 131 Pitt-street, noon.
North Cobar Copper-mining Company: Meeting, Company's Office, 131 Pitt-street, at noon.
The Dromedary Gold-mining Company: Meeting, No. 2 O'Connell-street, 11 a.m.
[illegible] Sutherland Estate Land Company: Meeting, 3 O'Connell-street, Sydney, 4 p.m.
No. 1 Starr-Bowkett Benefit Building Society: Meeting, [illegible] Office, 8 p.m.
St. Bartholomew's, Pyrmont: Sale of Work, 3 and 7 p.m.
Brighton Races: First Race at 2.45 p.m.

FEDERATION MEETINGS.

Mr. R. E. O'Connor, Excelsior Hall, Marrickville, 8 p.m.
Mr. James Martin, Redfern Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Mr. Bruce Smith, Newtown, 8 p.m.
Mr. Edmund Barton, Parramatta Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Sir Arthur Renwick, School of Arts, North Sydney, 8 p.m.
Democratic Ten: Meetings, Hurstville—Messrs. George Black and J. C. Watson; St. Peters Town Hall—Messrs. [illegible] and A. H. Griffith; Camperdown Town Hall—Messrs. W. G. Spence and W. J. Ferguson.
Mr. W. M'Millan, M.L.A., Town Hall, Newtown, 7.45 p.m.; and the Royal Exchange, Marrickville, at 9 o'clock.
School of Arts, Hornsby Junction: Mr. C. Von Hagen, 8 p.m.

EUROPEAN SITUATION.

THE TROUBLE IN CRETE.

DECISION OF THE POWERS.

EXTENSIVE SCHEME OF AUTONOMY.

REORGANISATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

TURKISH TROOPS ORDERED TO WITHDRAW.

GREAT BRITAIN IN ACCORD WITH THE POWERS.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

The palace of the Governor at Canea, the capital of Crete, has been destroyed by fire. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

The Governor's safe, which contained money to the amount of £7000, fell into the flames.

Marines from men-of-war in the harbour fired blank cartridges to prevent the mob plundering, and nearly provoked a riot by so doing.

In reply to the request of both the Christians and the Moslems at Selino for the landing of a force to occupy that town, the Admirals of the foreign fleets state that they are unable to spare marines for the purpose.

Mr. G. N. Curzon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, stated in reply to a question in the House of Commons that there was no indication that the Turks intended to undertake hostilities by sea.

Feb. 25.

The Powers have unanimously decided to grant to Crete an extensive scheme of autonomy, under which the island would be transformed into a privileged province. They undertake to reorganise the administration of the Government in Crete, at the same time retaining some connecting link with Turkey.

The Powers order the Turkish troops and administration to be withdrawn from Crete as early as possible, and Greece is also required to summarily evacuate the island.

In the event of Greece refusing to accept the decision arrived at by the Powers, a policy of coercion, and ultimately the blockade of Crete, will be adopted.

Speaking at the City Carlton Club, Mr. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that Lord Salisbury and Mr. A. J. Balfour would announce the decision of the Powers with regard to Crete to-morrow. The British Government would remain in accord with the European concert, which alone was able to save the world from a great danger.

The *Times* says that a great diplomatic success has been attained, and that the representatives of the Powers have earned the gratitude of all who love peace.

THE ATTITUDE OF GREECE.

PREPARED TO REJECT THE POWERS' PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The *Standard* says that Greece is prepared to reject the decision of the Powers in favour of granting autonomy to Crete, and adds that the Government purposes to persevere in the policy of King George.

Two of the newspapers at Athens possessing the most influence advocate the submission of Greece to the decision of the Powers. The other Greek journals adopt a bellicose tone, and urge the Government to declare war and to advance into Macedonia.

A MUNIFICENT BEQUEST.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Lady Wallace, widow of the late Sir Richard Wallace, Bart., K.C.B., who died in 1890, has bequeathed to the nation Hertford House, Manchester-square, London, together with the valuable collection of pictures and works of art, which are valued at over £1,000,000.

The bequest is made conditionally on the Government's erecting a museum.

NEW MINING COMPANY.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Burbank's No. 1 South Extended Gold-mining Company, Coolgardie, has been floated into a company, with a capital of £80,000, of which £54,000 will be offered in shares.

NEW ZEALAND.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Parliament will probably meet on 8th April for a short early session to enable the Premier to visit England.

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Bank of New Zealand the president said that business was going on smoothly, and so far as was known successfully. Since the payment of the Estates Company's debentures in June last the finances had been in a good working condition. The Auckland Agricultural Company had been put in liquidation, and measures were being taken to liquidate the Estates Company. By these means a saving of £2500 annually was expected. The president believed that trade generally was sounder, and the banking accommodation in the colony was conducted on a safer basis if less profitable for the moment than formerly.

THE SHIPPING DISPUTE.

At a meeting of the Seamen's Union to-day a discussion took place on the judgment of the Conciliation Board. It was considered that though the concessions are not so great as was expected they should be accepted for the present. It was decided to ask for a few modifications in the details, and if these are conceded the present dispute will be ended.

Professor Aldis, formerly of the Auckland University College, contemplates returning to England shortly.

It is proposed to establish a University prize to commemorate Professor M. Brown, formerly of Canterbury College.

Captain Edwin, the Government Meteorologist, reports that there is strong evidence of a cyclone approaching between Cape Farewell and Sydney.

The *Gazette* gives the totals for the recent licensing poll as 339,000 on the roll, and that 260,000 voted. Of these 139,000 voted for the continuance of licenses, and 120,000 for a reduction.

CEYLON GOLDEN TIPS, the finest Tea obtainable, exceptional value at 2s 3d, 1s 9d, 1s 6d, 1s 2d per lb. E. H. Harris & Co., Teamen, 21 Strand.—[ADVT.]

One of the weakest points of all quack medicines, however freely they may be advertised, is the decision with which they are declined after an experience of one small purchase. Minerva Tonic once used becomes a necessity and a trusted, household friend among all classes of the community. Its merits cannot be depreciated.—[ADVT.]

VICTORIA.

PASTORAL PROPERTY OFFERED AT AUCTION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

There was a crowded attendance of pastoralists at Scott's Hotel this afternoon, when the Langi Kal Kal Estate was submitted to auction. The estate, which was offered on account of the executors of the late Robert Simson, consists of 26,891 acres of freehold land situated two and a half miles from Trawalla railway station, between Ballarat and Ararat. With the estate were to be taken 22,280 sheep at 6s 6d per head, 329 cattle at £3 per head, 27 horses at £6 per head, and the station plant and furniture at scheduled prices. Langi Kal Kal is one of the most celebrated and highly esteemed wool-growing properties in the western district of Victoria, and an unusual degree of interest was taken in the sale. The bidding commenced at £3 per acre. This was quickly followed by bids of £3 2s 6d and £3 5s. Then the auctioneer offered to take 1s bids, which elicited one of £3 6s per acre. As this was below the reserve the property was withdrawn for private sale.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.

A meeting was held this afternoon of the creditors of John C. Bowden, trading as J. C. Bowden and Co., of Balranald and of Melbourne. The debtor presented a statement showing liabilities £31,588 and assets £18,571, leaving a deficiency of £13,016. After some discussion it was decided to assign the estate to the representatives of the two principal creditors, viz., Mr. Alexander M'Neil (Messrs. Briscoe and Co.), and Mr. Thomas Permewan (Messrs. Permewan, Wright, and Co.).

SQUATTING INVESTMENT COMPANY.

The half-yearly meeting of the Squatting Investment Company was held to-day. The report showed that the net liabilities of the company had been reduced to £148,069, being a reduction of £25,662 on the liabilities of the previous year. In two years the amount on mortgage had been reduced from £187,000 to £130,000. As soon as the amount on mortgage had fallen to £100,000 dividends could be resumed.

THE MARINE BOARD.

The sinking of the ketch Lulu by the bay steamer Excelsior in Corio Bay on the 9th ultimo was investigated to-day by the Court of Marine Inquiry. A charge of careless navigation had been preferred by the Marine Board against Captain Moore of the Excelsior, but the Court found the charges not sustained, and awarded Captain Moore 7 guineas costs against the Marine Board.

FOUND DROWNED.

An inquest was held to-day on the body of Martha Woodgate, a domestic servant, aged 22, found on the beach at Mentone last Sunday. The evidence showed that the deceased suffered from distress of mind. The jury returned a verdict that deceased was found dead, but that there was not sufficient evidence to show how she got into the water.

CONFERENCE OF POSTMASTERS-GENERAL.

A conference of Postmasters-General will be held in Melbourne on Saturday. The principal object of the meeting is to select a Minister to attend as the representative of Australasia at the forthcoming Universal Postal Congress at Washington.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Government is considering the advisability of completing the present Treasury buildings. The question of providing accommodation for the Stock Department and the Stock Institute has for some time been under consideration, but the Home Secretary views with approval the completion of the buildings. The matter will go before the Cabinet on Tuesday.

Mr. Dickson was this morning sworn in as Minister for Railways. With respect to the office of Postmaster-General it is understood that the portfolio will be provided for by a rearrangement when the Premier leaves for England.

The Postmaster-General left by the mail train this morning for Melbourne to attend the meeting of Australian Postmasters-General, called to discuss matters with reference to the International Postal Conference to be held at Washington. The Australian representative will be chosen at the meeting, and he will be instructed in the views of the colonies on the different matters likely to be discussed at the conference.

Artesian water has been struck in the Arabella bore, Charleville, at a depth of 2828ft. The flow is equal to a quarter of a million gallons per day.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE FURNITURE TRADE DIFFICULTY.

PERTH, Thursday.

The Bickford and Lucas strike has concluded. At a meeting of the Furniture Trades Union, held at Jacoby's Hotel last evening, a report was made in respect to the strike at Bickford and Lucas's factory. It was stated that all the Chinese employed by the firm had been discharged, and the men had consequently returned to work.

The Premier's decision to visit England has met with the general approval of the Cabinet, which has also approved of the intended call of a special session of Parliament about the 11th March, when members will be asked to vote two months' supplies.

On Monday Sir John Forrest achieved the record of having that day held the office of Premier for six years, which is 25 days longer than any other Australasian Premier.

In regard to the building trade trouble, 75 men have been engaged in Melbourne by the Employers' Defence Association for six months. The majority will arrive next week.

CUE, Wednesday.

News is to hand that the Golden Crown mine, near Day Dawn, has been successfully floated in London.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

The Tasmanian Parliament meets on the 9th proximo for a purely formal session, possibly of three days' duration.

A rough gale has occurred on the southern and western coasts. The steamer Grafton could not get out of Macquarie harbour yesterday evening.

A tram accident occurred in Elizabeth-street yesterday afternoon at the intersection of Brisbane-street. Three men in a furniture cart attempted to cross the line just as the tram was coming down the hill. The tram struck the corner of the cart, and two of the men, Harry Smith and Walter Price, were knocked off. Both men were seriously injured.

The Coogee's mails did not arrive in Hobart until 6.30 this evening, too late for the general postal delivery.

Heavy weather is still prevailing seaward and inland.

The Premier, Sir E. Braddon, accepts Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to visit London, and will take Lady Braddon with him. The Premier will leave early in May, and return to Hobart in time for the Parliamentary session about the beginning of August.

THE NORTH GERMAN LLOYD LINE.

ARRIVAL OF THE BARBAROSSA AT ALBANY.

ALBANY, Thursday.

The North German Lloyd steamer Barbarossa, A. Richter commander, arrived from Bremen at 6 a.m. The following are the passengers in the saloon:—

For Albany: Mr. Lichtenstadt.

For Adelaide: Captain Tippings.

For Melbourne: Mr. and Mrs. Ison and children.

For Sydney: Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, Messrs. Stewart, Watson, Pfleidena and wife, Kiliani, Pfleiderer and son, Duncan, Le Throp, Fairchild, Mesdames M'Evoy and son, Wunderlhiet, Krafft, Mack, Misses Drummond, Stewart, Guex, Pickard, Behnke, Drs. Massey, Kirkland, wife, and infant, Colonel Sanderson, Lyster and wife, Colonel Brownlon, wife, and servant.

For New Zealand: Mr. and Mrs. Arkwright, Misses Arkwright (2), Drs. M'Dowell and Somerville.

The Barbarossa also bring 245 for all ports in other classes. She sailed for Adelaide at 1 p.m.

SECOND EDITION.

TERRIBLE MASSACRE IN NEW GUINEA.

COOKTOWN, Thursday.

The schooner Curlew arrived this morning from Woodlark Island, via Samarai. She brings news of a terrible massacre on the Mambare River by the natives on the 14th January. One account states that the police boat arrived at Samarai and reported the murder of Mr. Green, the Government Resident at Mambare, five miners, nine native police, and thirty native carriers. Mr. Green, having decided to shift the police camp to higher country, was engaged in the erection of the building, aided by three native police, the others being employed in clearing the surrounding country. Mr. Green went on to the top of the structure, leaving his arms on the ground, when, it is supposed, one of the native police on the building treacherously signalled to the others to attack. Being defenceless, Mr. Green fell an easy victim, his body being terribly mutilated.

Another account is supplied by George Baker, who passed the Mambare police station when coming from Mambare Heads on the 28th January. He states that Mr. Green, finding it necessary to shift the police camp, selected a site and commenced the building, assisted by native boys, among whom was one Orokovo native, who was connected with the murder of Mr. Clark. On the morning of the 13th the Orokovo boy sent his gin to her native village. The other boys, suspecting treachery, next morning asked for permission to carry their rifles out. Mr. Green refused, and started for the site of the new building. Three-quarters of an hour after Mr. Green had departed, Captain Whitten went up the river, and when opposite the site of the new camp, his suspicions being aroused, he went ashore, proceeding to the site, where he discovered the body of Mr. Green. There was one spear through the heart, and another penetrated the body below that organ. The head had been split open, evidently by a tomahawk, the wound extending from the left temple to the right ear, which was cut in half. In one hand a carpenter's pencil was clenched. The body of a police boy was also discovered.

A week previous to Green's murder, two miners named Haylar and Fry, with six natives, started to come down the Mambare in a canoe and a raft. They went ashore 10 miles from the main police camp for dinner, and while off guard their rifles were snatched from them by natives. The miners and the boys made a rush for the raft and the canoe. Fry, with two boys, was clubbed on the raft. Haylar, with the other boys, got away in the canoe, but anticipating being followed, Haylar, who was bad with fever, took refuge in the scrub, his boy hiding in the trees. The Orokovo natives pursued and discovered Haylar, who was clubbed, but the boys escaped, and were picked up 80 miles from the mouth of the Mambare River by the Ellengowan.

When Baker left only three Europeans remained at the head of the Mambare. He states that himself and his mate, after four months' work, just cleared expenses. The majority of the miners who went to the head of the river were less successful. The expense of getting provisions to the field was too heavy at present to permit of miners making much profit.

VICTORIA

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Lord and Lady Hampden and party arrived this morning in the Oruba from Hobart. They had a very trying trip owing to a heavy south-westerly gale which prevailed all the way across. Heavy seas broke repeatedly on board, but no material damage was done. Lord and Lady Hampden and party are staying at Government House as the guests of Lord and Lady Brassey.

A number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind met at the institute to-day and presented to Lady Brassey an illuminated address in recognition of her successful efforts to collect a sum of £5745, to clear the institute from debt.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Royal Bank of Australia, Limited, to-day, the resolutions to write down the capital of the company were confirmed.

NEWCASTLE.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The first annual meeting of the Newcastle Tattersall's Club was held at the club rooms, King-street, to-night. The president (Alderman Moroney) presided, and about 200 members were present. The annual report submitted by the secretary (Mr. L. Solomon) showed that the club was financially sound, and in a flourishing condition. During the last quarter there had been 320 financial members. Originally there were 500 members, but owing to the coal strike and the subsequent exodus to Western Australia the membership roll had been reduced. The most successful race meeting ever held in the Northern district had been held under the auspices of the club in November last, when the sum of £118 was netted. The balance-sheet showed that the total receipts were £1021, and the expenditure £942, leaving a credit balance of £79. On the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. J. Rowe, the report and balance-sheet were adopted. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President, Alderman M. Moroney (re-elected); treasurer, Mr. A. Howland; committee, Messrs. N. Johns, W. Grahame, sen., W. Grahame, jun., A. Mansfield, D. Fisher, S. Rutley, and J. Winsor.

FEDERAL MOVEMENT.

Unabated interest continues to be manifested in the approaching federal elections. Notwithstanding the fact that meetings have been held almost every night for some weeks past large crowds still attend each gathering. Another evidence of the people's interest in the contest is the fact that an unprecedented number of applications have been made for electors' rights, and the registrar and his officials have been engaged until a late hour each night during the week in issuing rights.

The joint hon. secretaries of the Newcastle Federal League, Dr. Doyle and Mr. A. E. Chandler, were to-day informed that Mr. Bruce Smith will address the Premier's meeting on Saturday next.

Messrs. Hughes and Sleath, two of the labour 10, addressed a very large and enthusiastic meeting of electors from Sample's Hotel balcony to-night. Dr. Martin Doyle occupied the chair, and the candidates (who were well received) were frequently applauded. The candidates explained the principles of the party, and urged the electors to remember that unless a democratic constitution were adopted it would be unwise to enter into federation at all. At the conclusion of the meeting a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the speakers.

PERTH MINING MARKET.

PERTH, Thursday.

To-day's sales were: Bonnie Charlie, 3s [illegible]d; Boulder Central Extended, 1s 7d; Croesus Proprietary, 2s 7d; General Gordon, 9s 6d; Great Overnight, con., 2s 9d; Ivanhoe Junction, 1s 6½d; Lady Sherry, con., 2s 3d; Menzies Kensington, con., 5s 2d.

A CYCLIST COMBINATION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A combination of 20 leading cyclists, including Martin, Ken Lewis, Megson, Walne, and Porta, is being formed for the purpose of running race meetings throughout Australia outside the authority of the League of Wheelmen. The idea is that each member of this syndicate should contribute £50, and so form a fund to work upon. The executive of the Victorian League intends to wait until the syndicate is formed, and will then immediately disqualify the lot for life and trust to the leagues in the other colonies to endorse this action.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

DUBBO, Thursday.

The return of stock for the Dubbo district is as follows:—Sheep, 1,718,025; cattle, 26,703; horses, 9687. The decrease compared with last year is—sheep, 233,077; cattle, 3546; horses, 463. Canonbar district: Sheep, 1,335,604; cattle, 18,119; horses, 5757. Compared with last year there is an increase of 155,975 sheep, and a decrease of 4415 cattle and 982 horses.

GUNDAGAI, Thursday.

Stock movements: 2000 sheep, Buddigower to Brungle, D. H. A. M'Gruer owner; 7000 sheep, Mann's station to Cashmore station, Queensland, R. M'Micken owner.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

The following are the latest stock passings:—203 fat wethers, Drildool to Sydney, Thomas Cook owner; 84 horses, Boggabilla to Sydney, W. B. Mullins owner; 576 fat wethers, Boolcarrol to Maitland, Union Mortgage and Agency Company owners; 6000 ewes, Boolcarrol to Piangobla, same company owners; 700 bullocks, Tarriaro to Gunnedah, Mercantile Bank owners.

LATE SHIPPING.

ADELAIDE.—Arrival: Nairnshire (s.), from London. Departures: February [illegible], Braud (s.), for Western Australia; Wendouree (s.), for Newcastle; Ouraka (s.), for Newcastle.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

BOOT TRADE DIFFICULTY.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The roll was called at the Trades Hall this morning of all the operative bootmakers belonging to the Union who are out on strike. The men left the F.B.C. Factory to-day, so that there are now six factories closed. Relays of pickets were appointed, and the reports of the pickets who acted on Wednesday were received. A letter was received from Mr. G. M. Davis, of Redfern, saying, "I would advise you to consider whether it would not be wise to send a representative over here, as you are aware our union is inoperative, and I feel I cannot give the time and labour to the cause that your position demands; also consider Melbourne from the same standpoint. Should one come over here the old union office is at his disposal, as a few of us have still retained the same for convivial enjoyment." A letter was also received from the secretary of the Queensland Union, which states, "I take this hurried opportunity of replying to your telegram announcing the dissolution of the arbitration board and the probable commencement of hostilities. I might say that our sympathies are entirely with our shop mates in Adelaide. It is not necessary for me to advise all the members to keep within the limits of the law, 'that blessed law that has done so much to build up our glorious constitution, and which is a blessing' (so the fat man says) 'to the working people,' as I know they will do only those things which will bring to them the respect of even their enemies."

The remains of the late Mr. G. Ash, M.P., were interred in the West Terrace Cemetery this morning. The funeral was large and fully representative.

Parliament has been further prorogued till 1st May.

COUNTRY NEWS.

THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

A public meeting convened by the Mayor of Mudgee was held in the Town Hall last night to devise means for obtaining subscriptions towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund. A substantial sum was collected in the room. It was also decided to make a special appeal for aid to the townspeople.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The third annual meeting of the No. 3 Starr-Bowkett Society was held to-night. The balance-sheet showed that the society had done a sound and prosperous year's business, unprecedented in the history of these societies in Bathurst. The income for the year reached £1971, being an increase of £866 over last year. The shares number 540. The assets amount to £10,720 and the liabilities £9886, leaving a balance to profit of £834.

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

A public meeting has been convened for Tuesday night by the Mayor to protest against the action of the Railway Commissioners in erecting bedrooms at the railway station refreshment rooms for the accommodation of travellers when there are so many accommodation houses that have to pay heavy licenses within a short distance of the station.

The registration of births, deaths, and marriages office has been removed from the courthouse to the post-office, which will entail a considerable amount of labour on the postmaster.

The weather is cool, but exceedingly dry. Rain is sadly required for domestic purposes.

CAMDEN, Thursday.

Captain A. J. Onslow Thompson, commanding officer of the local mounted rifles, leaves by rail to-morrow to join Colonel Lassetter at Melbourne. He will join the Mounted Rifle detachment in England, and will be absent six months. During his absence all the extensive works on Camden Park Estate will go on as usual. The members of the local Mounted Rifles presented Captain Thompson with a very handsome revolver encased in oak.

Professor Pechotsch, of Sydney, has been appointed conductor of the Camden Philharmonic Society.

Mr. G. A. Porter, J.P., for many years manager of the South Coast and West Camden Co-operative Company, expired at his residence, Brownlow Hill, last night. The deceased came to the colony when a young man, and followed dairying pursuits in the Illawarra district, where he ably filled positions in the municipal council as Mayor and alderman in that district. He championed the farmers' cause, and was appointed manager of the company above referred to, and was the principal contributor to the success of that institution's business. His remains were interred in St. John's Cemetery this afternoon, the funeral being a large one.

COOTAMUNDRA, Thursday.

Many complaints are made at the inconvenience at the court owing to the absence of the police magistrate, while honorary justices have no arrangements for attending to the regular business. Cases of small debts cannot be dealt with, and are postponed from court to court.

Messrs. Stratton and Sons, at their mills, have stocked an immense supply of wheat. Extensive improvements, embracing the most modern plant procurable, also treble sidings for loading wheat, flour, fuel, and electric light, are being made. Orders are being executed from the most distant parts of the colony.

FORSTER, Friday.

The steamer Marion Fenwick is barbound, and is not likely to get out before Sunday.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Sister Mary Frances Xavier Clare, sister of Father Clune, died in the Convent of Mercy this morning.

At a meeting last night it was decided to present Bishop Chalmers with an address prior to his departure for England.

At the Warden's Court to-day suspensions were granted for a number of mining claims.

HORNSBY, Wednesday.

The local stationmaster, Mr. Glynn, has received an offer from the chief traffic manager, Perth, to fill a lucrative position on the Western Australian railways at a substantial salary. He has the matter under consideration.

INVERELL, Thursday.

At a meeting of the School of Arts committee the following sub-committees were appointed:—Year book committee, Messrs. W. D. Stafford, T. B. Jamieson; reading-room committee, Messrs. A. M'Ilveen, R. Cooper, and R. Furze; entertainment committee, Messrs. T. B. Jamieson, K. Beaton, and J. W. Moore.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

The weather continues exceedingly dry, with occasional high winds and dust.

The local land board, consisting of Mr. Trollope chairman, Messrs. Daly and Dulhunty members, has finished a two-days' sitting here.

KIANDRA, Thursday.

The town has been enveloped in a dense fog all day. The weather is very threatening. The thermometer stands at 26°.

MOREE, Thursday.

The Dolgelly bore is down 3550ft. It is the deepest in the colony.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Thursday.

Mr. E. M. G. Eddy, Chief Commissioner for Railways, accompanied by Mr. C. W. Cooper, editor of the *Sentinel*, arrived from the Jenolan Caves this evening at the Imperial Hotel. The coaching was done in the unusually short time of four hours. They leave to-morrow morning, visiting Govett's Leap and Leura Falls on the way to Sydney.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

Mr. Michael Kelly, a very old identity, died this morning. He was once connected with the local police force.

PICTON, Thursday.

The continuous dry weather is causing much anxiety to graziers and dairy farmers. The supply of milk for Sydney, large quantities of which are obtained in this district, is rapidly falling off. The greenstuff on which dairymen mainly depend for the winter supply cannot be got in unless rain comes within a week or two. The grass is burnt, and the waterholes and tanks are failing quickly. Creeks that have not hitherto failed are much lower than even during last year's drought.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.

The annual show of the Agricultural Society, which takes place on the 2nd and 3rd of March, promises to be a great success. Entries in all the sections are coming in freely.

The weather keeps extremely dry, and the grass and crops are looking bad.

SINGLETON, Thursday.

The weather continues dry. The corn crops are almost a complete failure, and the outlook is most serious.

STROUD, Thursday.

Mr. L. Butler, post and telegraph master here for the past 12 years, having received promotion to Raymond Terrace, was entertained at Yates's Hotel last night, when he was presented with a tea and coffee service. Mr. J. Smith, of Gloucester, succeeds Mr. Butler at Stroud.

Bush fires are still raging furiously. Several homesteads were in great danger, and were only saved by the stupendous exertions of the townspeople, who turned out in numbers.

TENTERFIELD, Thursday.

The Rev. Dill Macky was inducted to the charge of the Presbyterian Church here yesterday afternoon by a commission from the New England Presbytery. A tea meeting and concert were held in the evening in connection with the function.

The weather is very dry. Rain is wanted badly.

TUMBERUMBA, Thursday.

Mr. C. W. Cripps, Crown lands agent and C.P.S., left here to-day for Stroud. He was entertained last evening at a social send-off at the Star Hotel by some of his friends. Mr. Robert M'Micking, J.P., occupied the chair. An address had been prepared at John Sands', Sydney, for presentation to Mr. Cripps, bearing about 50 signatures.

WAGGA, Thursday.

A good deal of dissatisfaction exists here respecting the unsettled condition of the Wagga Police Magistrate. Mr. Martin, who was appointed to succeed Mr. Baylis, obtained leave of absence some time ago, on the expiration of which he was appointed to act temporarily elsewhere. Mr. Oslear was sent to act in his place.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

News has been received of the death, at York, Western Australia, of Mr. A. W. Laws, for many years a resident of the Hawkesbury district.

The business people observed the weekly half-holiday initiated this Wednesday, and the movement promises to be a success.

NEWCASTLE.

MALICIOUSLY WOUNDING.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

At the Newcastle Police Court to-day, before Mr. Mair, S.M., a Chinaman named Ah Sun was committed for trial to the next sittings of the Court of Quarter Sessions on a charge of having maliciously wounded one Loo Yow. It was alleged that during a quarrel in a Chinese den in Steel-street a few nights ago the accused struck prosecutor with a piece of iron inflicting severe injuries. Bail was allowed and was forthcoming.

HAMILTON FINANCES.

The finance committee of the Hamilton Council estimates its income and expenditure for the coming year at £2012 12s 9d. This is exclusive of the sum of £935 outstanding rates not apportioned. The council has resolved to place a sum of £100 in the sinking fund towards the liquidation of loans.

THE RAILWAY ADDITIONS.

The much-needed improvements and additions to the Newcastle railway station have been commenced. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the work has been delayed for some months, but there is now every probability of the improvements being completed at an early date. With the constantly increasing traffic much inconvenience has been experienced. The additional accommodation to be provided will prove a boon to the travelling public. The contract has been secured by Mr. Mitchell.

SHOP EMPLOYEES.

At a meeting of the Shop Employees' Association, held at Pike's rooms last night, a deputation was appointed to wait upon all the storekeepers of the district with a view to induce them to close their establishments at 6.30 each evening. Arrangements were made for a moonlight excursion at an early date.

STOCKTON COLLIERY DISASTER FUND.

A meeting of the general committee of the above fund was held this evening in St. Paul's Mission Hall, Stockton. The principal business was to receive the report of the executive committee as to the distribution of the fund amongst the sufferers by the late catastrophe. Alderman E. Rees, president of the general committee, was in the chair. Mr. H. Graham read the minutes of the last general meeting, and also of the proceedings of the meeting of the executive committee last evening to the following effect:—"That to four widows—Mesdames Curran, Sneddon, Charlesworth, and M'Alpin £40 per annum be paid, to cease should they marry again, and to each of their children under 15 years of age, till they reached that age, £15 per annum; and to two children of the late Mr. Cockburn, left without father and mother, £20 per annum each; that to the Sweeneys, sen., £26 per annum be voted between them; that to the M'Alpins, sen., £26 per annum be similarly voted; and that to the Baileys, sen., a lump sum of £40 be voted, in addition to the £10 they had already received, to finally settle their claim."

Mr. Ball thought the proposal was premature, as the fund had not yet been officially closed. Mr. R. R. Jury moved,—"That the cases of the widows Curran, Sneddon, Charlesworth, and M'Alpin and the children be first considered." Mr. Hubbard suggested a postponement until the Sydney committee had been consulted as to the distribution. Alderman Warland seconded the motion, which was carried. Mr. Hodges considered it better to give each widow a lump sum, and be done with it. Mr. Jas. Curley, the miners' general secretary, was also in favour of absolutely disposing of the funds in the actual possession of the committee—viz., give each widow and family a lump sum; but as there appeared to be a consensus of opinion in favour of the resolution adopted by the executive committee, he would forego his opinion. The chairman pointed out that if the recommendations of the executive were adopted, each widow would receive more per annum than they would have received during the last two years out of their late husband's average earnings. He was opposed to giving the widows a lump sum. Alderman O'Mara (Mayor of Stockton) had seen Mr. J. L. Fegan, M.L.A., who said that the Sydney committee were not in favour of giving the money in lump sums. Of course, there would be continuous work for the executive committee, with much fault finding, and it would be far easier to dispose of the whole question by disposing of the fund to each sufferer in a lump sum; but the question arose, was that really the best method of action? Alderman Rhead said that the Hon. J. F. Burns had assured him in Sydney in the presence of the Rev. F. W. James that the Sydney committee would be quite willing to agree with the Stockton committee's decision. Mr. R. R. Jury strongly opposed a donation in lump sums. The chairman said there was no doubt that the Newcastle committee would send their contributions in a few days. The motion of Alderman Robson was seconded by Mr. Errington, and supported by Mr. Warland. It was unanimously resolved that the report of the executive committee with regard to the four widows, Curran, Sneddon, Charlesworth, and M'Alpin, be adopted, and this resolution be submitted to the Newcastle and Sydney committees. The next clause, No. 2, "That Cockburn's two children left orphans should receive £20 per annum each," was very warmly discussed. Aldermen Rhead and Goodman pointed out that offers had been made to adopt these children. Mrs. Collins, who had charge of them, refused to give them up, and had applied to the Government for authority to keep them as their guardian. Mr. W. Humble had also applied for similar authority, and the children's uncle in England had written intimating his willingness to take them. One child is a boy, 4 years of age, and the other a girl, 2 years. Mr. Warland moved the adoption of clause 2. This was seconded by Mr. R. R. Jury. Alderman O'Mara thought the money should be placed in the bank to the credit of Messrs. Humble and Tennent, who were godfathers to the children, until the matter of guardianship was finally settled. The clause was finally adopted, with a proviso that the money for the children's immediate wants should be granted.

In reply to questions, the chairman said that the united contributions already received would amount to about £1560, and would make the executive committee's proposals last about five years. Clause 3, Payment to Sweeney's parents of £26 per annum, as Sweeney had been their main support—was carried. Clause 4, That £26 per annum be allowed Mr. M'Alpin, the father of the two M'Alpins, was strongly opposed by Alderman Goodman, on the ground that M'Alpin was making good money, and was only 45 years of age. He moved that a donation of £40 be paid to M'Alpin in a lump sum instead of the annual payment of £26, in addition to £10 already donated to him by the executive committee. The clause was still being debated when the last ferry boat left Stockton for Newcastle.

An effort is being made by the combined boroughs of the district to establish a public pound.

An accident occurred to No. 3 of the cranes at the dyke last night and the work of loading was temporarily suspended.

A meeting of the public abattoirs conference is announced for to-morrow evening for the purpose of selecting a site.

Mr. George Rignold arrived here this morning and will open the Victoria Theatre on Saturday night by the production of the "Lights o' London."

At the Licensing Court held to-day an application for the transfer of the license of the Yacht Club Hotel, Hunter-street, from R. Stollery to T. King was granted.

At a meeting of the Adamstown Council held last evening the Mayor and Aldermen Gray and Loyden were appointed as committee for the purpose of endeavouring to raise a loan of £1000 to liquidate a previous loan which matures on the 1st proximo.

At the last meeting of the Merewether borough council Mr. J. Wilson, of Frederick-street, Merewether, was, on the motion of Alderman Brett, seconded by Alderman Wilson, appointed to fill the vacancy in the representation of Mitchell Ward.

A ballot among the miners of the Wallsend Lodge has resulted in the election of Messrs. Joblan and Milburn as check-weighmen for the ensuing term.

A miner named James Craig met with an accident whilst working at the Wallsend Colliery yesterday.

BUSH FIRES IN THE COUNTRY.

FORSTER, Friday.

A fierce bush fire has been raging for the last two days on the Tuncurry side of the harbour for miles along the coast. Fears were entertained yesterday that the township would be burned. The flames approached so close that a portion of the fencing and stables of Mr. Stephens' Belle Vue Hotel was burned. Many residents were preparing to remove when the wind changed from north-west to southerly, thereby saving the township. The camp of Mr. M. Gleeson, road contractor, on the Wallamba road, was completely burnt. A large quantity of fencing belonging to Mr. Chapman, butcher, and other properties in the same locality, suffered.

The continued dry weather is causing alarm. The water supply is very short.

COOMA QUARTER SESSIONS.

COOMA, Thursday.

The Quarter Sessions were opened to-day, Judge Fitzhardinge presiding, and Mr. Armstrong acting as Crown prosecutor. The case of Edward Chalker, on bail, occupied the whole day. He appeared on four separate indictments of stealing and receiving 42 sheep and of stealing and receiving 42 skins, the property of Mr. John Cosgrove. The accused was found guilty on the two charges of stealing and receiving 42 skins, and was remanded for sentence.

On Wednesday evening last a presentation was made by Messrs. Fisher and Macansh and staff to Mr. Norman C. Lockhart, their late manager of the common law branch, who has recently been appointed by the Public Service Board to the position of solicitor to the Land and Income Tax Commissioners. Previous to the presentation Mr. Lockhart and the senior members of the staff were entertained at dinner by Mr. Paul, jun., at St. Mark's Cottage, Darling Point. After the dinner the company was reinforced by the other members of the staff and intimate friends of the guest, and Mr. F. C. Petrie (the firm's managing clerk), in the unavoidable absence of the members of the firm, made the presentation, which consisted of a keyless half-hunter watch suitably engraved, accompanied with an illuminated address.

FEDERAL MOVEMENT.

THE PREMIER AT GOULBURN.

"A PLAIN BUSINESS COMPACT."

"ADVANCE AUSTRALIA."

A FEW WORDS IN SELF-DEFENCE.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The Premier, accompanied by Messrs. Hawthorne and Ball, Ms.L.A., arrived at Goulburn at 8 o'clock this morning. In the evening Mr. Reid addressed a meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall. There was a very large attendance, the hall being filled in every part, and the galleries were occupied by a number of ladies. The chair was taken by the Mayor of Goulburn (Mr. J. J. Richardson), and among those on the platform were Messrs. O'Sullivan, Miller, Hawthorne, Ball, and Fitzpatrick, Ms.L.A., and a number of aldermen and prominent citizens.

The Premier said that he had been asked by a lady to say something that evening to make them laugh, but really the question was a very serious one, and deserved the greatest attention. Many people opposed federation simply because their vision carried them no further than New South Wales. One of the most encouraging things during the last few years was the gradual disappearance of local jealousies amongst the colonies and a growth of brotherly feeling. Even Victoria was becoming unselfish, and was now showing nothing of that narrow, jealous policy of former years. There should always be a healthy emulation between the colonies, but there should likewise be a grand, noble feeling of trying to "advance Australia" as a whole. (Applause.) Let them, therefore, throw down one tariff which had been raised and down with all the barriers against trade. When they had thrown down all the Australian barriers, they could then pull what remained down as regarded the outside world. This latter battle, however, could not be commenced until federation had been agreed to. He admitted that it would be a most difficult task to frame a constitution which would suit all the colonies alike. He pointed out that a federal constitution could not be easily altered, and it was therefore all the more necessary that it should be properly and wisely put together at the start. Some of the most cherished rights of England were recorded in its history, but found no place in its Acts of Parliament. But in a federal constitution matters would be different, and their rights would have to find a place in the deed of partnership to be drawn up between the different colonies. The principles upon which one union existed must be plainly stated, so that no lawyer, or brigade of lawyers, could tear them to pieces. He did not wish to insinuate that there was room for treachery. The trust to the delegates to the Convention would be noble enough to secure the honesty of every member who entered that Convention. The electors should judge the candidates by their principles and also by their ability to give effect to those principles. He asked for their support on no other grounds. He did not appeal to them as Premier. He came before them on his individual merits and not in his official capacity. If they did not return him he would have less work to do. He did not, he might candidly say, expect to stand at the head of the poll. He had too much to do with changing the policy of the country lately not to have raised the greatest enmity and antagonism against himself. He was prepared to meet it and to suffer, if need be, for what he had done, but if he did suffer it would not for one moment abate or retard his determination to pursue the path that he had planned out for himself. (Cheers.) Then other objections were raised against him. One was that he was not sincere, another was that he went away for a holiday when he ought to have stayed at home. It was, however, necessary that he should go away. Had he stayed at home he would have broken down. Some people, perhaps, would have liked to have seen him break down; but he did not do so. He went away and had come back as fresh as a kitten. (Laughter.) How could he be accused of insincerity? The lines upon which this campaign was being fought out to-day were laid down by himself at the Hobart Conference. Of course he did not claim all the credit to himself, although what he proposed was agreed to by the other Premiers. Dr. Quick perhaps deserved the greatest praise for having thought out the scheme. He admitted that the Convention of 1891 was a noble gathering, and that did good work; but he contended that the necessary inspiration was not there. They had no direct mandate from the people. The present Convention, however, would be chosen by the people. Two points had especially to be considered. The first thing was, Was it a good thing to federate? The second question was, Upon what lines should the federation proceed? He need not argue the first question, as everyone agreed that federation upon the proposed lines was necessary. In the first place economy was necessary. The enormous waste of money and energy now going on with the pretentious systems of Parliamentary Government, reproduced six or seven times over throughout Australia must cease. He did not shrink from saying that when they had one broad federal Parliament the provincial Parliaments should be reduced in size and expense by at least one half. (Cheers.) No people could stand having two big Parliaments playing with their money. It was all very well for members; they did not find the money; they spent it. The people would fall short altogether of the true advantages of the movement if they had to keep up at the same time the full local Parliaments. Every taxing power the nation had would add to its burdens. They should have municipal bodies, local Parliaments, and a Federal Parliament. If everything was to go on on the old scale, there would be great evil in federation. Whilst they were at it they must reform the whole system. When they had a national Parliament, the local Parliament must become a glorified county council. (Cheers.) He knew that some of his political friends would say, "Don't bring that aspect of the question out just now, or you will never get a federation bill through the Parliaments;" but he thought it better to speak straight out. If the movement was to be a success they must make a straightforward declaration of what they wanted. If they could not do that, then the time of federation was not yet. They did not want federation by stratagem; they wanted a plain business compact, the terms of which would be clear, and the benefits of which were apparent by the way in which the whole system of the governing of Australia would be remodelled. (Applause.) The Federal Parliaments should set an example of economy to the local Parliaments. They did not want the expensive scheme which was provided for in the 1891 bill. Having pointed out the different powers which should be conferred upon the Senate and the House of Representatives respectively, Mr. Reid declared that he wanted Australia dealt with as a whole. It should be governed as one great nation. He would go into the Convention with a free mind. He had unreservedly explained his present views, but it was possible that other members of the Convention might teach him a great deal more than he knew at present. The man who would not be open to conviction in debate was not worthy to represent the people. If a delegate changed any of his opinions the electors would not be prejudiced, as the Federal Bill would have to come to them for their final sanction. At the same time he did not think his views would undergo any great change. A constitution must be formed that would reflect the will of the federation as a whole. Unless the bill did this it would not be worthy of the acceptance of the electors. The main points were two Houses of Parliament, the franchise, finances, and State rights. These were the great leading principles. In addition, the federation must be connected with the British Empire. It was more important for them, at the present peculiar situation of the world, to be allied with Great Britain, than to occupy any other position. Such a connection was a source of safety and strength, and not of danger. If a man stood up and said, "I am a Republican, and I think Australia should become a Republic at some future time," if he said that it was a waste of time. There was no good in discussing what should take place in many years yet to come. But if a man said, "I am a Republican and I think Australia should be a Republic," the matter should at once be fought out and determined. But he thought that no one would seriously propose a Republic at present. (Cheers.) If in the future it was thought expedient that we should rely entirely upon ourselves, there was nothing more sure than that when we were ready and willing and desired to do that we should have the most perfect liberty granted to us in the matter. Regarding the federal capital, he urged that this should be in New South Wales. He had made a suggestion that the capital should be temporarily fixed in the different capitals of Australia. This idea had been ridiculed, but he saw no ridicule in it. One disadvantage in connection with the Federal Convention was that a number of members would go into it who knew a great deal about New South Wales and nothing about Victoria. Others, from South Australia, would know nothing at all about either Victoria or New South Wales, and a good many would know nothing about Queensland or Tasmania. If for eight or ten years in rotation the federal capitals were Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, the members of the Federal Parliament would acquire a breadth of knowledge and information which could be acquired in no other way. (Applause.) At the same time he would admit that it would be better to definitely settle the spot at once; but if this could not be agreed to another scheme might be adopted. Then a plan which now looked ridiculous would come in handy. He urged upon the electors to go upon broad grounds, and to deal with the broad principles, and so decide for whom they would vote. If they gave him their support, and returned him as one of the 10 representatives, every ability and every energy he possessed would be devoted to the great task of framing a constitution which would be welcome to the people of this country, and equally welcome to the people of the other Australian colonies. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks to the Premier was proposed by Mr. W. R. Riley, and seconded by Alderman J. J. Roberts. The announcement made by these gentlemen that to-day was the Premier's birthday was received with great cheers, but Mr. Reid declined a pressing invitation from the gallery to say how old he was. A vote having been carried amid great enthusiasm, Mr. Reid, in returning thanks, said that Messrs. O'Sullivan and Miller were on the platform, and asked them to speak. Mr. O'Sullivan said that the invitation given to him showed that the contest was being conducted on non-party lines. He maintained that the present movement would not stop until it included all the English-speaking races.

Mr. Miller, during the course of a short address, advocated a republic, but his remarks were received with signs of dissent, and there was cheering when he referred to the connection of the colony with Great Britain. The meeting was a very large one; a number of persons were unable to obtain admission. The proceedings, which lasted two hours, were orderly throughout, and concluded with a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding. The Mayor in dispersing the gathering said that it was one of the largest and most interesting ever held in Goulburn.

The Premier left Goulburn by the midnight train, and arrives at Sydney on Friday morning. He does not intend visiting Maitland, but will speak at Newcastle on Saturday.

Mr. Reid is pleased with the results of his trip in the south, and is thoroughly satisfied with the magnificent receptions he received at the various towns he visited.

MR. CARRUTHERS AT GLEN INNES.

GLEN INNES, Thursday.

Mr. Carruthers delivered a federal address at the Town Hall last night to a large attendance. The Mayor presided, and there were a number of ladies present. Mr. Carruthers said he was opposed to the establishment of a Federal Court of Appeal under a Federal Government. He favoured the federalising of the railways, but before doing this they must be valued by experts and the differential rates abolished. That the defences should be federalised was so apparent that comment was unnecessary. The speaker's remarks elicited frequent outbursts of applause, and a vote of thanks was carried with great enthusiasm.

MR. WISE AND DR. CULLEN AT RANDWICK.

Mr. B. R. Wise and Dr. Cullen addressed a large meeting of the residents of Randwick last evening at the Town Hall. There was a number of ladies present, and the chair was occupied by Alderman J. A. I. Perry. Dr. Cullen addressed himself mainly to the general principles relating to the question of federation. Mr. Wise confined his remarks mainly to the question of the federation of the railway systems of the colonies. He advocated the Federal Government taking over the railways and the public debts. This he regarded as the crux of the whole federation question. By means of a large map he showed that the colony would actually benefit by federation in railway matters. At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks to the speakers was carried unanimously, on the motion of Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., seconded by Alderman George Dale.

MR. JAMES MARTIN AT WAVERLEY.

Last evening Mr. James Martin addressed the electors of the Eastern suburbs at Noonan's Tea Gardens Hotel, and met with a good reception from the large audience that was present to hear his views upon the subject. Alderman W. H. Simpson, J.P., presided. Mr. Martin was cordially received upon rising to address the electors, and spoke upon the advantages of a federated Australia. He traced the history of federation up to the present time, and was frequently applauded during the course of his address. At the close Mr. F. A. Mackenzie moved a vote of confidence in Mr. Martin, which was heartily carried.

SIR ARTHUR RENWICK'S MEETINGS.

Sir Arthur Renwick returned yesterday afternoon from his visit to some of the Western townships. His meeting in Penrith on Monday was presided over by the Mayor (Mr. W. Fulton), and was held in the Temperance Hall. There was a large attendance. At the close of Sir Arthur's address he was accorded a unanimous vote of confidence. The meeting on Tuesday in Bathurst was presided over by Mr. Thompson, in the absence of the Mayor. A very large crowd assembled in front of the Grand Hotel, from the balcony of which Sir Arthur spoke. At the close of his address the usual vote was carried with great cheering. One of the largest meetings held in Orange assembled in the Australian Hall on Wednesday evening. Mr. G. Pilcher, the Mayor of the town, was in the chair. Sir Arthur Renwick dwelt upon the various points of interest connected with the federation question, and remarked that he stood alone in this contest, identified with no bunch or party, and was content to leave his merit for support entirely in the hands of the electors, the majority of whom he was sure would refuse the dictation of anyone. On the motion of Mr. Withers, the usual vote was carried with cheers.

MR. COPELAND AT LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

Mr. H. Copeland, M.L.A., addressed about 200 persons from the balcony of the Royal Hotel last night. The Mayor (Alderman Tillett) occupied the chair, and Messrs. Hurley and N. G. Bull occupied seats on the balcony.

Mr. Copeland said he favoured the election of the Governor-General by the Imperial authorities, and was rather inclined to the State Governors being elected by the people. The post and telegraph system, questions of defence, quarantine, lighthouses, marriage and divorce should be left to the federal Parliament; but he objected to the federation of Crown lands, State debts, or railways; though in respect of the latter a clause might be inserted in the Constitution providing that where two States had a trunk line the Federal Government could take it over at a valuation if the local Parliaments passed a bill requesting them to do so. In conclusion he urged the electors to record their votes for the 10 candidates most capable of representing them, and not to let fiscalism or sectarianism interfere with them in their performance of that duty. (Applause.)

A unanimous vote of confidence was accorded Mr. Copeland on the motion of Mr. N. G. Bull, J.P., and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

MR. D. O'CONNOR AT NEWTOWN.

Last evening Mr. D. O'Connor, M.L.C., addressed a large meeting of the electors from the balcony of the local Town Hall. The chair was occupied by Alderman J. F. Smith.

Mr. O'Connor, who was well received, spoke at length on the benefits that would accrue to the Australian colonies by federation.

On the motion of Mr. W. C. Wall, seconded by Mr. Fegan, M.L.A., a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. O'Connor for his address.

MR. W. P. CRICK AT REDFERN.

Mr. W. P. Crick, M.L.A., who is one of the candidates for the representation of this colony at the Federal Convention, had announced that he would address the electors at the Redfern Town Hall last evening. Unfortunately sufficient notice had not been given, and the hall had been taken by the Foresters for one of their social gatherings. A large number of persons assembled in the street outside the hall, and considerable disappointment was expressed.

At the conclusion of Mr. R. E. O'Connor's meeting, Mr. Crick addressed the crowd from the balcony of the Bellevue Hotel. The chair was occupied by Mr. George Banard.

Mr. Crick said he came there as a man with a tomahawk to criticise the remarks of other candidates. He did not say that many of the other candidates were not fit to represent the people, but he wished to show the necessity there was to go slow in such an important matter as federation. It was argued, for instance, that each State should have equal representation on the Senate. If that was passed into law the 26,000 electors of Tasmania would have the same voice as 300,000 in New South Wales, and South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia would be able to outvote New South Wales and Victoria, as they had already done in deciding that the Convention should meet in Adelaide. At the close of his address Mr. Crick was accorded a vote of thanks.

MR. R. E. O'CONNOR AT REDFERN.

Last evening from the balcony of the Bellevue Hotel, Regent and Wells streets, Mr. R. E. O'Connor addressed one of the largest meetings yet held in the district of Redfern in connection with the federal movement. The chair was occupied by the Mayor of the borough (Alderman Medcalf).

Mr. O'Connor, who was received with applause, said the result of federation would be that more power would be left in the hands of the states than would be handed over to the Federal Parliament. During the past 10 years New South Wales had passed into law a large number of measures, but out of that large number not more than 28 of such measures would be handed over to the federal power. So that most of the acts passed into law would still remain in the hands of the local governments. Dealing with the labour platform he said one of their measures was to have only one House. (Cries of "Hear hear," and "So it should be.") One House was simply an impossibility to the successful carrying on of federal work. No federation in the wide world would be able to stand with one Chamber. The labour platform not only demanded one House only, but also indulged in what was called introduction of the referendum. Well, to his mind, when there were two Houses there might be some argument in favour of having the referendum, but in the name of common sense what did they want a referendum for with only one House? (Hear, hear.) At the close of his address Mr. O'Connor was, on the motion of Alderman Poole, seconded by Mr. T. H. Barlow, accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

A meeting was held at the Palace Hotel, Watson's Bay, on Wednesday evening, to hear addresses from Mr. A. Nugent Robertson and Mr. Shaw, of the Patriotic League. The chair was taken by the Mayor, Mr. John Dykes. There was a good attendance, and the speakers were listened to very attentively. Several questions were asked, and a vote of thanks to the visitors was proposed by Mr. John Norton, seconded by Mr. E. Rollason, and carried by acclamation.

Mr. J. B. Nicholson, M.L.A., delivered an address on federation in Lobb's Hall, Sutherland, on Wednesday evening last. There was a good attendance. Mr. C. Diston presided. Mr. Nicholson said he thought all the candidates were devoting too much attention to finances. There were other matters which they should deal with in their addresses. He did not think federation would be nearly settled by this Convention. It was like a step in the dark, and a great difficulty would be experienced in getting some 50 delegates to agree, indeed that could not be unless the views of each were greatly modified. Mr. Nicholson was listened to attentively throughout, and at the close of his address received a hearty vote of thanks.

Mr. John See is leaving the Clarence on Saturday next, and will address meetings in some of the suburbs of Sydney on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next.

At the Balmain Town Hall yesterday evening addresses on the subject of rash federation were delivered by Mr. L. F. Heydon, M.L.C., and Mr. A. Nugent Robertson under the auspices of the Patriotic

League. Alderman G. C. Murdoch, Mayor, presided. There was a large attendance.

A meeting of the campaign committee of the labour party was held at the Labour Centre, Castlereagh-street, last night. Mr. J. H. Thompson presided. About 50 members were present. An extensive programme of public meetings was arranged. It was decided to appoint scrutineers in each polling booth. Five suburban meetings were fixed for Saturday night, and it was also decided to hold a meeting in the Protestant Hall on Monday night, when addresses will be delivered by Messrs. Sleath, Griffiths, and Ferguson.

Mr. R. E. O'Connor will speak to-night at the Excelsior Hall, Marrickville.

The Hon. J. N. Brunker, Chief Secretary, will leave this morning for Maitland, where he intends to deliver this evening an address on federation.

Mr. John Haynes, M.L.A., will speak at North Sydney on Saturday night, and at Wallsend and Minmi on Monday and Balmain on Tuesday.

BYRON BAY, Thursday.

Mr. John See addressed a meeting in M'Lean's Hall to-day, Mr. J. E. Glasgow, J.P., presiding. About 60 people were present. Mr. See was loudly applauded. Mr. W. G. Shearer moved a vote of thanks and confidence, which was seconded by Mr. G. R. Powell and carried unanimously.

CAMDEN, Thursday.

A debate took place at Narellan last night as to whether federation was likely to benefit Australia. The Rev. G. H. Allnutt took the affirmative side of the question and Mr. Mitchell the opposite view. A show of hands went to the latter gentleman's side.

COOTAMUNDRA, Thursday.

Messrs. Ashton and Millen addressed the electors last night, the Mayor (Alderman Stratton) presiding. The speakers were heard with evident interest, were cordially cheered on their general principles, and were unanimously thanked.

Mr. Lyne will be unable to speak here. His friends are working on his behalf.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Mr. O'Sullivan addressed a meeting this evening. There was a fair muster, and the candidate had an uninterrupted hearing. He spoke at North Goulburn this afternoon, the meeting being small.

GUNDAGAI, Thursday.

The demand for electoral rights is unprecedented. No general election has caused such excitement. Federation is the sole topic of conversation throughout the district. Mr. Wise being in favour of the federation of the railways will receive the support of the farmers.

HOBART, Thursday.

The candidates for the Federal Convention are holding meetings nightly, but they are only attracting small audiences in Hobart. Greater interest is shown in Launceston.

INVERELL, Thursday.

A large and influential meeting was held this afternoon in the council-chambers, the Mayor (Alderman A. Oliver) presiding, to consider the desirability of selecting names for the coming Federal Convention. The first resolution, moved by Mr. John Sinclair,—"That the following names be approved of:—Messrs. E. Barton, R. E. O'Connor, W. J. Lyne, John See, G. H. Reid, J. Carruthers, W. M'Millan, Cardinal Moran, Bruce Smith, H. Copeland, Sir J. P. Abbott, J. N. Brunker, and J. T. Walker,"—and seconded by Mr. J. J. R. Gibson, was carried unanimously. Ten names are to be selected from the above. Mr. E. Roos proposed,—"That a federation league be formed." This was seconded by Mr. John Moore and carried. The following were appointed as a committee:—Messrs. A. Oliver (Mayor), J. Roos, P. B. Eddy, H. M'Lean, T. Mather, Dr. Morton, Dr. Kinross, C. Crothers, A. Bloore, E. Grainger, John Moore, J. J. R. Gibson, and John Sinclair, with power to add to their number.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

Mr. Arthur Griffith, one of the labour candidates for the Federal Convention, addressed a large meeting of electors in the Town Hall last night. Mr. A. F. Cameron (Mayor) presided. The candidate received a good hearing, and at the close was accorded a vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. R. Jones, M.L.A., seconded by Mr. W. W. Millett.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

Mr. G. S. E. Dale, who lectured on federation last night at Wee Waa, was well received. It was one of the best meetings ever held in Wee Waa. He advocated the candidature of Messrs. Reid, Lyne, Edmund Barton, and R. E. O'Connor.

NYNGAN, Thursday.

Messrs. M'Gowen and Holman addressed a large meeting here last night on federation, and were well received.

ORANGE, Thursday.

Mr. W. S. Lyne, Mr. H. Copeland, and Mr. Schey addressed a large meeting on federation to-night. The Mayor (Mr. Pilcher) presided. All the candidates were well received, and it was by far the best federation meeting yet held here.

Last night Sir Arthur Renwick addressed a fair audience, and was well received.

PARRAMATTA, Thursday.

Mr. Bruce Smith addressed a large and representative meeting in Parramatta this evening. Many ladies and also clergymen representing all denominations were present. The Mayor of Parramatta, Mr. Thomas Moxham, occupied the chair, and leading residents were on the platform. Mr. Bruce Smith gave an able and exhaustive address, reviewing the advantages of federation for the assimilation of the tariffs and laws throughout Australia and saving interest on Australian loans, which he estimated at not less than one million a year. A vote of thanks was carried with enthusiasm.

SINGLETON, Thursday.

Mr. J. T. Walker addressed a large meeting to-night and was accorded a vote of confidence. An influential committee was appointed to secure his return to the Convention.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Carruthers spoke on federation in the Olympic Hall to-night. The Mayor (Alderman Britten) presided. Mr. Carruthers repeated the arguments advanced by him elsewhere, and was particularly caustic in his criticisms of the suggested federal court of appeal, which he considered distinctly inferior in every way to the Privy Council, which it would supersede, besides entailing the cost of maintenance on the colonies.

Mr. Varney Parkes also spoke.

A vote of thanks and of confidence was accorded to both speakers.

TENTERFIELD, Thursday.

Mr. Dowel addressed a public meeting from the balcony of the Exchange Hotel last night on federation. The Mayor presided. There was a large attendance, and a vote of confidence in the candidate was carried by acclamation.

URALLA, Thursday.

Mr. W. S. Dowel delivered an address on Australian federation at the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday. Mr. Dowel dealt exhaustively with the proposals contained in the Commonwealth Bill and with the amendments proposed at the Bathurst Convention. He made a strong appeal to the native-born Australians to exercise their votes in favour of a United Australia. A vote of thanks was carried at the conclusion of the address.

WAGGA, Thursday.

Mr. Haynes addressed a meeting on the federal question to-night from the balcony of the Criterion Hotel. The Mayor presided, and there was a good attendance. A vote of thanks was carried.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

A letter has been received from Mr. J. T. Walker expressing his regret that it is impossible for him to address a meeting at Wollongong on the subject of federation. Mr. Ashton has also replied to the same effect. Deep interest is being manifested throughout the district in the approaching elections.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I had hoped that wiser counsels would have prevailed at the meeting of Protestant ministers on Monday afternoon, and that instead of committing themselves to the fatal course of selecting 10 candidates whom they should instruct Protestants to vote for at the forthcoming elections they would have contented themselves with urging Protestants not to vote for Cardinal Moran; or if that did not seem sufficiently emphatic, they should certainly have selected 15 names, and given Protestants the option of voting for any of these. Sir J. P. Abbott is Speaker of the Assembly and Grand Master of the Freemasons, and one of the strongest figures in our political life; Sir Arthur Renwick, surely as staunch a Protestant as any of those selected, and a good man, too; Dr. W. P. Cullen, M.L.C., one of our rising young barristers; James Martin, John See, Varney Parkes, all loyal Protestants, and with good chances of election.

But we Protestants are not to vote for any of these admittedly good and strong men. Why? Because the Protestant clergy of Sydney in meeting assembled have come to the conclusion that they have no possible chance of being elected, and so, forsooth, they are all to be dropped by the intelligent voter at the bidding of the Protestant, or, more correctly speaking, the dissenting clergy of Sydney. I am most strongly opposed to clerical domination in political matters in any shape or form, and for that reason only, and not because I am a Protestant, will vote against Cardinal Moran, but I certainly will not place my intelligence at the disposal of a body of irresponsible ministers, who go out of their way needlessly to insult a dozen good men such as those I have mentioned above.

We frequently twit our Romanist friends with being led by the nose by their priests; but what are our clergymen trying to do now?

In conclusion, I fear very much that the action now taken will have the effect of helping enormously Cardinal Moran's candidature.

I am, &c.,

February 23. W. J. THOMSON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—No one who has attentively and studiously read the various utterances and letters which have appeared in reference to the Cardinal's candidature can fail to have been deeply impressed with a genuine admiration of the splendid generosity and candid appreciation with which many Protestants have acknowledged the Cardinal's personal claims to fair treatment at the present juncture. The Cardinal himself cannot but feel grateful to those who have so candidly and justly admitted his perfect and undoubted right as a private citizen, and his unquestioned claim as a gentleman of education, to announce himself as a Convention candidate; and he must also feel gratitude to those who have defended him in his expressions of loyalty, and admitted the sincerity of his interest in the welfare of Australia as a federated Commonwealth. To the careful student of events, however, no sooner had the Cardinal's visit to the Bathurst Conference been announced than it was at once distinctly recognised that the Church of which the Cardinal is the head and representative had, through him, made a profoundly significant move upon the chessboard of political and ecclesiastical diplomacy. This evident fact was quickly confirmed by the astounding, although fully anticipated, announcement of the Cardinal's candidature. Soon after the announcement, however, your own able leading article admirably voiced that sense of universal relief which was felt by the whole of the community—including many of the Cardinal's co-religionists—when his Eminence gracefully, and with honour, retired from his position as a candidate. Would that such a withdrawal could again take place, affording peace and satisfaction to all who are interested in the harmony and welfare of our country! The sense of relief, unhappily, was not destined to be permanent. Again the Cardinal appeared upon the arena, and anxiety and regret again prevailed. To those who think deeply and see beneath the surface to the heart of things it must be obvious that the Cardinal's candidature is not to be attributed to a mere personal ambition, but that his action is nothing if it be not a bold masterstroke and a tremendous bid for popularity and power in the interests of that Church to which the whole life and soul of his Eminence have been solemnly consecrated. England, and with it Australia, has recently, been handed over to that Church for speedy conversion, and to separate the head of that Church in this country from his position may be the height of generous toleration on the part of those who so ingenuously and without sufficient thought admit its possibility, but at the same time evidences a want in depth of observation and an absence of acquaintance with the teachings of history. Must not those who are thus so kindly liberal in their views of what they deem the wholly disinterested action of the Cardinal—his entire separation as a federation candidate from the interests of his own Church—must not these persons admit that when he is returned, as in all probability he will be, he will be so returned as the representative elected by the solid vote of one Church? Probably he will achieve a high position—if not the highest—by the assistance of those specially addressed in these remarks. Is it right that one only Church, to the exclusion of all others, should be so favoured and represented as a Church? To deny that such would be the case would surely be the very bathos of affectation. Would such an event be fair to the other Churches which would, of course, enjoy no such special representation? With many persons the eloquent address delivered by the Cardinal at Bathurst—a deliverance which was evidently most carefully prepared in every sentiment, word, and sentence—together with the many repetitions of the same patriotic and earnest aspirations for the welfare and peace of the Commonwealth, will doubtless have great weight. But while giving his Eminence every credit for sincerity in his oft-repeated sentiments, is it not at the same time the part of every one who deeply studies and weighs utterances to see that many things may yet be left unsaid as to future policy and ultimate aims? Is it not undoubtedly true that at least a thousand gentlemen could easily be found in our midst who have the same ardent desires for the prosperity of our people and of federated Australia who could express themselves with equal eloquence—and with "thoughts that breathe and words that burn" with equal brilliancy and power as do those of the Cardinal? Why should his Eminence take such an enthusiastic interest in a matter which is really outside his special sphere and work? Though not exactly substituting Hecuba for federation, might we say "What's Hecuba to him or he to Hecuba"—we may yet ask what special qualification has the Cardinal ever evinced for the special and technical work of federal legislation? Had he ever distinguished himself at our universities as a student of constitutional history or constitutional and international law there would have been a special and exceptional claim upon the suffrages of the community. As it is, however, there is nothing which will secure his election among the 10 representatives save his official connection with that Church from whose interests and service he can never divorce himself. His own personal claims or the few general observations contained in his address would never secure his election, which must depend wholly upon that vote on which he relies with perfect confidence and which will be given to him independently of any opinions which may be held on the general principles of federation. Let these few thoughts be carefully pondered and acted upon before it is too late to seek a "place of repentance." I am, &c.,

HALLAM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It must have been a surprise to all that though the intending candidates for the Federal Convention were somewhat tardy in first announcing themselves, so large a number should now be on the list. If there was any probability of the electors voting only for the best intellects the large number would be of little moment, but when we find 10 men bunched in opposition to all others to fight the imaginary battles of one party, and the certainty of the bulk of the working men voting solid for them, under the misapprehension of solid good resulting to their class, what possible good can result by the rest of the community splitting their votes among the large number of remaining candidates? There are many excellent men put forward who are universally known and their views appreciated, whose wisdom and ability are unimpeachable, and that their chances should be in any way jeopardised is a blunder we may have good cause yet to regret. Many others may be good men, and strong in their districts, but so little known elsewhere that their loss of place may be looked on as certain, and with them are lost the votes in their favour. Many hold similar views to others whose chances of success are far more favourable, then why not withdraw in their favour? Is this unsatisfactory state of things irremediable? I am, &c.,

February 14. JAMES R. FULTON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Although the list of 49 candidates from whom the electors will be called upon to select 10 on the 4th proximo has been published in the papers and will no doubt be republished on the day still there are many who will not have a chance to see the list even then, and I would suggest that as the chief returning officer is sparing no pains to make the election effective in every way that he should caused to be issued at all post-offices and police stations and returning offices a small printed slip containing the 49 names. Electors could then get these slips and mark off the 10 they intend to vote for. They could carry these slips with them and mark the same names off the ballot paper. This would expedite the election and save many informal votes. I am, &c.,

J. W. R. CLARKE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Complaint is made that the "Federal Ten" are too Reid-ite. That is not the case, as only Messrs. Walker, Brunker, and Carruthers can be called followers of the Premier. Neither Mr. M'Millan nor Mr. Wise is led by him, while Messrs. Barton, Lyne, and R. E. O'Connor are protectionists. As to Mr. M'Gowen, it is only fair that the leader of the labour party should be in the Convention. We want all classes represented there. I think the meeting of Protestant ministers and laymen should be heartily complimented on the names they have suggested to the country. The Federal Ten represent all classes and creeds, and comprise some of the ablest men in the colony. I hope electors will unite around them. I am, &c.,

February 24. CIVIS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—If your correspondent "Gashmu," whose letter appears in your issue of to-day, will look at the 20th section of the Constitution Act (18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54), assented to 16th July, 1855, he will read the following:—"No person shall be capable of being elected a member to serve in the said Assembly and of sitting and voting therein who shall be a minister of the Church of England, or a minister, priest, or ecclesiastic, either according to the rites of the Church of Rome or under any other form or profession of religious faith or worship." This section was repealed by the 22nd Vic., No. 20 (section 2), which Act was assented to 24th November, 1858. It was passed with the intention, as then well known to public men, to allow the late Rev. Dr. Lang to be nominated as a candidate for the Legislative Assembly. Shortly afterwards Dr. Lang was nominated and elected for West Sydney, and he continued a member of Parliament and a strong party politician for many years afterwards. The Government that introduced this law was the Administration of the late Sir Charles Cowper, in which the late Sir John Robertson and the late Right Honourable William Bede Dalley (a Roman Catholic) were leading members. There was not then, or at any other time, any outcry on the part of Roman Catholics against Dr. Lang's election, neither have the Roman Catholics of Tasmania raised any objection to the nomination of the Rev. Mr. Woolnough as a candidate for election to the Federal Convention on behalf of that colony. They no doubt think, as I do, that if he is one of the most fit by his learning and patriotism to represent his colony he should be elected. To defeat him merely because he is a clergyman would be simply disgraceful. I would also point out that the right of clergymen of all denominations since 1858 to be elected members of Parliament has never since been interfered with. Indeed, in the last Electoral Act (56 Vic., No. 38), assented to 13th June, 1893, the disqualifying sections of that Act do not include ministers of religion.

In regard to a suggested interference of some imaginary *status quo*, does your correspondent forget that a clergyman of the Church of England was over and over again a candidate for election for a southern constituency without any objection on the part of Roman Catholics, and that at the last general election or a previous one a clergyman (the Rev. Moses) contested a suburban seat as a member of the labour party. I am, &c.,

February 25. HISTORICUS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—What can result but something "addled" if from a mistaken notion of patriotism and fair play all round electors mix up 10 names so that all opinions, however conflicting, may be represented at the Convention?

A vote is a trust, and intended to voice the view of the elector on the main issues involved in the whole question. Anti-federationists should abstain from voting, and men at heart opposed to federation have no right to be candidates. These all will have their opportunity when the referendum takes place. Meanwhile what the country wants to know through the ballot-box is the opinion of the electors on such questions as federation under the Crown or otherwise. Two Houses or one? If a Senate, how shall it be elected? What shall be the basis of the federal franchise? Shall there be State or federal control of the railways? And so forth. How can a true verdict be returned if electors, to save themselves the trouble of thinking, are content with making a hotch-potch selection, or to allow names, parties, or prejudices to control their choice rather than principles?

It is claimed for the Cardinal that he has awakened interest in federation. His action has no doubt stimulated electors—greased the wheels of the electoral machinery; but unless electors keep their heads cool and minds clear it will greatly jeopardise the cause of federation by a resultant vote hardly, if at all, indicative of the mind of the people on the real questions they are called on to decide.

I am, &c.,

February 25. SYMONS S. TOVEY.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held to-day at Brighton, the first event starting at 2.45 p.m. In addition to the ordinary railway service to Rockdale a special train will leave Redfern station at 1.55 p.m., but passengers by the 2.10 p.m. ordinary train will reach the course in time for the first race. The Pony Trot is timed to start at 4.35 p.m.

The results of the V.R.C. races will on Saturday be posted in the paddock and Leger Reserve at Rosehill after each event.

Mr. J. Jolly, secretary, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be run at Moorefield on Wednesday next. The programme will be found in the business portion of the paper.

Entries for the Kensington pony and galloway races to be run on Thursday next close at 5 p.m. to-day with Mr. P. O'Mara, secretary. The programme, in which £175 is apportioned in prize money, will be found in our advertising columns.

Entries close at 5 p.m. to-day with Mr. S. Peters, secretary, for the pony and galloway races to be run at Brighton on Monday next. Full particulars can be found in our advertising columns.

Moulamein, Gundaroo, Dalton, and Richmond Vale race meetings were yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C. authorities.

Entries close at 5 this evening with Mr. T. S. Donnellan, secretary, for the pony and galloway races to be run at Rosebery Park on Tuesday next. The programme will be found in our business sheets.

The final forfeits for the V.R.C. St. Leger, Sires' Produce Stakes, and Australian Cup were declared yesterday, and the acceptors are published elsewhere in this issue. The lengthy list for the St. Leger has been reduced to four—Newhaven, Resolute, The Officer, and Splendid—the latter an untried colt by Tranter from Splendour (dam of Erl King). The candidates for the Sires' Produce Stakes have also undergone a further reduction by the withdrawal of Hymettus, Eugene, Majestic, Vindictive, Mecca, and Norwegian, leaving five acceptors, of whom Aurum and Reliance represent the St. Albans stable, El Norte is the only one to act on behalf of this colony, while the Hypnotist will carry the colours of Mr. S. G. Cook, and the Maribyrnong Plate winner, Keera, those of the Ballarat sportsman, Mr. W. Bailey. Only five left the Australian Cup, the malcontents being Excel, Cydnus, So-and-So, Alpine, and Red Indian.

It has been stated by a gentleman in Sydney in a position to speak as to the intentions of Mr. W. C. Cooper in regard to Newhaven that the latter gentleman has no desire to dispose of his interest in the horse. On the contrary, Mr. Cooper is anxious to see Newhaven win some of the classic events at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting in his colours.

Sortie was yesterday withdrawn from the Welter Handicap in connection with the February meeting of the Rosehill Racing Club.

Pony and trotting races will be run to-morrow night at Lillie Bridge, the first event starting at 8.15 p.m.

The death of the cross-country horse Why Not, by Castlereagh from Twitter, who won the Grand National Steeplechase, 1894, is reported from England. He essayed another contest over the Aintree course last year, but could only get fifth to The Soarer, and that was his last public appearance. In addition to his success in the Grand National, Why Not won a number of cross-country events in England and on the Continent.

The English jockey, Charles Wood, whose license was withdrawn in 1888, has been reinstated, and his name appears on the list of licensed riders for the current year. Wood rode St. Blaise to victory in the Derby, 1883, and was again successful on St. Gatien in the following year, when Harvester finished on terms. Among the names missing from this year's register are S. Loates, F. Allsop, and S. Chandley.

The "Special Commissioner" of the *Sportsman* (Eng.) recently paid a visit to the Beckhampton stables, where the Irish-bred colt Galtee More is located, and his opinions with regard to the Derby candidate are subjoined:—"By the time we had made the descent and got back to the house a youthful scion of the Darlings announced that the horses were ready, and without more ado I found myself standing in Galtee More's box. For a moment or two I hardly recognised him, never having seen him before except in daylight and out of doors, but his fine framework and racing shape soon asserted themselves on the memory, and I was glad to see that he has been doing well, and is in good health. . . . . Galtee More is now just as he should be in view of season 1897, when, unless I am mistaken, he will greatly distinguish himself. Throughout he has been most carefully handled, for, as his trainer (S. Darling) says, it would have been easy to overdo him. His dam is by Springfield and his sire by Bend Or, both of which families are apt to go to pieces under strong work. 'You know as much about him as I can tell you,' he added; 'he was never wound up except for the Middle Park Plate, and I had him really to my mind that day. He won, of course; but then, you see, Velasquez didn't look himself before the race, and we mustn't make too much of it.' Cannon's orders in that race were to come a nice gallop right through from the start, and very effectual orders they proved to be, so far as poor Velasquez was concerned. As to good looks there is, of course, no comparison between Galtee More and Velasquez, for the son of Kendal is as fine a colt as a man can wish to see, and he will be found when next he appears in public to have thickened and developed just in the right way. We put him under the standard, or rather the standard over him, and he stands 16 hands 0½in., so by Derby Day he may probably be 16 hands 1in. That he has good, clean limbs and the best of feet my readers do not need to be told. He is in the best of hands, and if he escapes illness or accident will make a very bold bid indeed for the classic races."

The death of the well-known breeder and sportsman, Mr. W. H. Kent, is reported from Queensland, that event having occurred on the 22nd February from heart disease. Mr. Kent for many years owned the Grange stud near Ipswich, where he bred a number of good horses. He was also successful on the turf, and among the races placed to his credit in the northern colony are the Hopeful Stakes, 1887, won by Fine Lady, 1883 by The General, and 1892 by Recovery; the Q.T.C. Derby, 1889, won by Fernando; Queensland Cup, 1887, by Touchstone, and 1889 by Orlando; Sandgate Handicap, 1889, by Fernando; and Moreton Handicap, 1891, by Elymas. For several years before his death Mr. Kent did not take an active part in turf affairs. He was a keen and straightforward sportsman, and was deservedly respected by those with whom he came in contact.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

Beautifully fine and invigorating weather was experienced by the early risers that visited Randwick yesterday morning, but the work on the tracks was not of a particularly interesting character. Rockwall and Royal Rose opened proceedings with a seven furlongs' trip, at the end of which they were together, having covered the distance in 1 minute 35½ seconds. Battalion acquitted himself creditably by negotiating a circuit of the tan in 2 minutes 24½ seconds. Confidence and Bliss completed the same journey in 2 minutes 28 seconds, but they were not really extended. Auratus beat Cin over six furlongs in 1 minute 23 seconds, and a like task was set to Juvenile and Marchioness, who accomplished it in two seconds less, finishing as named. Athlone led Garnet at the end of six furlongs, covered in 1 minute 23 seconds, and Bethel accounted for a mile in 1 minute 53 seconds. Frolic was going much easier than Benedick at the finish of a six furlongs' dash, for which the watch recorded 1 minute 22 seconds. Atlas and a mate strode round the tan in 2 minutes 28 seconds, and Fusile beat Surge over six furlongs in 1 minute 21¼ seconds. Giril and another ran over half a mile in 53 seconds. The Meddler beat Charge by a length over a mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 20 seconds. Hindoo, with neck sweaters on, worked at half-pace, and Coo-ee got over a mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 20 seconds. Riviere was 10 lengths in front of Braylee, Toxteth, and a Splendor youngster, at the end of five furlongs, which the winner ran in 1 minute 6 seconds. Euglo, with a light weight up, registered 2 minutes 19 seconds for a mile and a quarter gallop, and three-quarter pace exercise was given to Kallatina and Bona Fide over a mile and a half.

THE BETTING MARKET.

In the local betting market to-day there was a fair amount of business transacted, of which a large part was credited to Survivor in small lines. A parcel of 500 to 20 was booked in one hand about Creme d'Or, and a line of 500 to 20 was accepted about Bacchus. So-and-So was befriended to the extent of 300 to 15, and 300 to 9 was booked about Beverley. The closing prices on offer were as under:—6 to 1 v. Valiant, 8 to 1 v. Survivor, 10 to 1 v. Cydnus, 10 to 1 v. Sunbury, 12 to 1 v. Orient, 16 to 1 each v. Wait-a-bit and So-and-So, 20 to 50 to 1 v. others. There was no betting worthy of record on the Australian Cup.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NEWS.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

FLEMINGTON TRAINING NOTES.

The Newmarket candidates were put through their final gallops this morning. Hullabuloo covered half a mile in 52 seconds. Reka, favoured by the inside running, beat Survivor and Creme d'Or over six furlongs in 1 minute 18½ seconds. Patriot finished in front of Cartridge over six furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds. Response ran one mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 16½ seconds, beating Loyalty all the way. The first nine furlongs were cut out in 2 minutes 2 seconds, so the mare finished well. Lochuanita and Sailor Boy ran four furlongs together in 1 minute 7½ seconds. Benedict went wonderfully well over five furlongs with Tamino, whom he badly beat in 1 minute 5¾ seconds. Dora never gave El Norte a chance to score in a six-furlongs gallop, run in 1 minute 20 seconds, finishing well. Newhaven, who started a bit lame, covered 1¾ mile in 3 minutes 17 seconds. The first round took 2 minutes 34 seconds, 1½ mile in 2 minutes 48 seconds, and the mile and five furlongs in 3 minutes 2½ seconds. The colt had the inside running all the way, and was assisted by Earlston and Eiridisforde over the last six furlongs. Staffa tired badly at the end of a Newmarket trial, which was run in 1 minute 20½ seconds. Cinder Ellen (R. Lewis up) ran a splendid mile and a half in company with Fadladeen, whom she badly beat in 2 minutes 44½ seconds. The pace was sound all the way, as they ran the first mile in 1 minute 49 seconds, mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 17 seconds, and once round in 2 minutes 30½ seconds. Don John had a lot the best of Fort and Spindrift over a mile and a quarter run in 2 minutes 18½ seconds. Valiant, who is a great galloper, covered nine furlongs in 2 minutes 3 seconds. Mischief put in a really good gallop over two miles in 3 minutes 46 seconds, going well all the way. Metford and Mecca finished together over five furlongs, run in 1 minute 7 seconds. Cronstadt tired badly at the end of six furlongs, run in 1 minute 20 seconds, but he travelled very fast over the first four furlongs. Charon ran a mile easily in 1 minute 58 seconds. Bular finished with a lot in hand in front of Motala, Embrasure, and Sheoak over a mile and a half, run in 2 minutes 51 seconds. Clive beat Morago over a mile, negotiated in 1 minute 55 seconds. Keera, jumping away with a big lead, got home in front of Acton, Carlton, and Coil over six furlongs, covered in 1 minute 21 seconds. Good Shot beat Necktie at the end of five furlongs, run in 1 minute 8 seconds. Warpaint ran all round Bloodshot and O'Trigger in a gallop of a mile and three furlongs, run in 2 minutes 35 seconds. The first six furlongs took 1 minute 21½ seconds, and the mile 1 minute 49 seconds.

CAULFIELD TRAINING NOTES.

The morning was stormy and wet, but the tracks were in good order. Ayrshire ran a good mile in 1 minute 48 seconds. Sunbury, who ran nine furlongs yesterday in 2 minutes 5 seconds, only cantered. Musgo proved too good for Waterwitch over the Newmarket distance, and Lieutenant easily beat Male and Robin over five furlongs in 1 minute 5½ seconds. Mailboat, Chummy, and Zanonia did good working gallops. Lilith, with Pegrum up, beat Rosella over a mile and quarter in 2 minutes 18 seconds. Loch Fad ran six furlongs nicely in 1 minute 20 seconds. Bacchus and Gale covered four furlongs in 52½ seconds. Eugene ran five furlongs in 1 minute 7½ seconds, and Beverley covered six furlongs in 1 minute 22 seconds. Orient, with James Hayes up, shaped well over the Newmarket distance, the last four furlongs being cut out in 52½ seconds.

V.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following are the final acceptances in the St. Leger Stakes, the Australian Cup, and the Sires' Produce Stakes, in connection with the Autumn Meeting of the V.R.C.:—

ST. LEGER STAKES—1¾ mile.

Newhaven	Resolute	The Officer	Splendid

SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES—6 furlongs.

Reliance Aurum	The Hypnotist	Keera	El Norte

AUSTRALIAN CUP—2¼ miles.

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.		st.	lb.
Bloodshot	9	9	Fadladeen	8	2	Wait-a-Bit	6	12
O'Trigger	9	0	Mischief	8	1	Rosella	6	10
Preston	8	7	Coil	8	0	Sailor Boy	6	7
Resolute	8	2	Cinder Ellen	7	11	Benedict	6	7
Damien	8	2	The Officer	7	10			

LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following scratchings were recorded to-day at the V.R.C. office in connection with the Autumn Meeting:—

All engagements: Alpine and Toxic.

Champion Stakes: Reka, Koha, Rewi, Aroha, and Devon.

Brunswick Stakes: Benedict.

Ascot Vale Stakes: Goodshot, M.G., Bengal Tiger, Tamarus, Geology, Wild Raven, Humomungie colt, and Response.

Hopeful Stakes: Hilarity.

MELBOURNE BETTING MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the betting market to-day Valiant retained his position as favourite for the Newmarket Handicap, being well backed at 100 to 12. There was a great demand for Orient, all the money at 100 to 6, 7, and 8 being taken, and at the close 100 to 9 was the best offer against him. Survivor was in good request, 1000 to 60 being taken, with that price subsequently wanted. A wager of 500 to 30 was booked about So-and-So. Sunbury was well backed at quotations, and a few hundreds were taken about Bacchus.

The card was called at the Victorian Club in the afternoon and again to-night. At the first calling Orient was backed to win £500 at 100 to 7; Valiant, £400 at 100 to 12; and Cronstadt was supported to win £1000 at 100 to 2. At the reading of the card to-night, £1800 was secured about Lieutenant at 100 to 3, £500 was taken about Valiant at 8 to 1, £500 about Survivor at 100 to 7, £200 about Sunbury at 100 to 7, £500 about Acton at 100 to 3. No business was done over the Australian Cup.

The following are the closing prices on offer for the Newmarket Handicap:—8 to 1 v. Valiant, 100 to 9 v. Orient, 100 to 8 each v. Survivor and Sunbury, 100 to 7 each v. Cydnus, Ayrshire, Wait-a-Bit, and So-and-So, 100 to 5 each v. Carlton and Pilatus, 100 to 4 each v. Acton, Benedict, and Staffa, 100 to 3 v. Hova, Lieutenant, Beverley, Cartridge, Reka, Dora, Loch Fad, Creme d'Or, Bacchus, The Don, Miss Gladstone, Cronstadt, and Sailor Boy, 100 to 2½ v. Coil, 100 to 1½ each v. Musgo and Whakawatea.

TAMWORTH JOCKEY CLUB.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The committee of the Tamworth Jockey Club last night voted £600 as prize money for the annual meeting to be held on the 4th and 6th May, besides £100 for the handicap pigeon match on the off day. It is also anticipated that a handsome sum will be raised from the hotelkeepers and storekeepers to provide an additional prize. It was decided that no jockey be allowed to ride who has been disqualified, or had a license refused by the A.J.C.

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Pony and galloway races were held yesterday at Kensington. The weather was fine and the attendance large. In the Hurdle Race Princess fell at the first hurdle and threw her rider. She continued in the race and so interfered with the field that after the second hurdle was negotiated Valencia was the only one left in the race. Bertie, who ran off, came back, jumped the hurdle, and followed her. The following are the results:—

Hurdle Race (15.0), a handicap of 25 sovs., 1¼ mile.—J. Davidson's b m Valencia, 5 years, 11st 5lb (T. Brennan), 1; J. Stevenson's b g Bertie, aged, 12st 6lb (O. Edwards), 2. Other starters: Mentor, 9st 12lb; Princess, 9st 8lb; Bessie M'Carty, 8st 7lb. Betting: Even money on Mentor, 3 to 1 v. Bessie M'Carty, 4 to 1 v. Princess, 6 to 1 v. Bertie, 8 to 1 v. Valencia. Won by 80 yards. Only two finished the course. Princess fell at the first hurdle, Mentor and Bessie M'Carty jumped into the tan course, and Bertie ran off at the second jump. Time, 3 minutes 25 seconds.

Pony Handicap (14.0), of 45 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—J. R. Carter's ch m Trixie, aged, 7st 12lb (J. Carter), 1; J. M'Grath's [illegible], aged, 8st 11lb (F. Kuhn), 2; W. C. Pritchard's b m Bandicoot, 4 years, 9st 6lb (D. Bannantyne), 3. Other starters: Pansy, 9st 6lb; Mistletoe, 7st 13lb; Novice, 7st 12lb; Stormy, 7st 12lb; Miss Tobin, 7st 5lb; Llama, 7st 4lb; Hermoine, 7st 5lb; Gosling, 7st 9lb; Native, 7st; Morning, 9st 10lb; [illegible], 8st 9lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Novice, 4 to 1 v. Trixie, 7 to 1 each v. Coil, Bandicoot, and Gosling, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a length and a half, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute.

Fourteen-three Handicap, of 25 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—C. Peters's ns c h g Ensign, aged, 7st 12lb (F. Woodgate), 1; M. Dunn's b m After Ten, 5 years, 7st 12lb (S. Marriott), 2; J. M'Donagh ns b m Romp, aged, 8st 7lb, including 7lb penalty (P. Hayes), 3. Other starters: Absolution, 6st 12lb; Henrietta, 6st 10lb; Helene, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Ensign, 5 to 2 each v. Romp and After Ten, 8 to 1 v. others. Won by a neck, a length between second and third. Time, 59½ seconds.

Fourteen-one Handicap, of 25 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—W. Gullum's b g Old Tom, aged, 8st 10lb (J. Hancock), 1; J. Banks's ch m Disfigured, 4 years, 6st 8lb (S. Whitbread), 2; H. Robinson ns ch g F. W., aged, 7st (E. Crockett), 3. Other starters: Leo, 8st 4lb; Sweetheart II., 6st 12lb; Snowden, 9st 8lb; Quartz Crusher, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Leo, 3 to 1 v. Disfigured, 4 to 1 v. Old Tom, 8 to 1 v. others. Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute.

Thirteen-three Handicap of 20 sovs., 4 furlongs.—T. Stubley ns ch m Adella II., 6 years, 6st 7lb (E. Crockett), 1; F. Chapman's ch m Tucker, 6 years or aged, 8st 5lb (P. Hayes), 2; C. Cross ns b m Little Nell, 5 years, 8st 4lb (J. M'Dougall), 3. Other starters: Louse, 7st 2lb; Murmur, 7st 8lb; Knotty, 8st 1lb, including 7lb penalty; Merry Monarch, 6st 12lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Tucker, 5 to 2 v. Little Nell, 3 to 1 v. Knotty, 5 to 1 v. Adella, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a head, half a length between second and third. Time, 55 seconds.

Kensington Handicap (15.0) of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs.—J. M'Donagh ns b m Romp, aged, 8st 1lb, including 7lb penalty (P. Hayes), 1; E. Donovan's ch m Loch Katrine, 4 years, 8st (R. Donovan), 2; J. E. Nobbs's b m Fawn II., 4 years, 6st 7lb (E. Crockett), 3. Other starters: Roslyn, 7st 4lb; Wild Wave, 7st; Sovereign, 7st 7lb, including 7lb penalty; Greylee, 6st 11lb, including 2lb over. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Loch Katrine, 5 to 2 v. Romp, 7 to 2 v. Roslyn, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a neck, half a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

LILLIE BRIDGE RACES.

There was a good attendance at Lillie Bridge last night, when a programme of pony races was run through with the following results:—

Toxteth Handicap (13.2 to 13.3½), 4 furlongs.—C. O'Rourke's Iona, 8st 8lb (Ryan), 1. Other starters: Needle, 10st 5lb; Lady Cleeve, 8st 6lb; Maud S., 8st 6lb. Betting: Even money on Maud S., 2 to 1 v. Needle, 3 to 1 each v. Lady Cleeve and Iona. Won by a length from Lady Cleeve.

Lilliputian Handicap (11.2 to 12.0½), 3 furlongs.—T. James's Vera, 7st 12lb (Milne), 1. Other starters: Lillian, 9st 6lb; Jenny, 8st 5lb; Nonsense, 7st 10lb; Brown and Rose, 7st 6lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Vera, 3 to 1 v. Lillian or Brown and Rose, 5 to 1 v. others. Won by a length from Lillian.

Bridge Handicap (13.2 to 13.2½), 4 furlongs.—T. James's Peacemaker, 8st 11lb (Milne), 1. Other starters: Generous, 9st 8lb; Bobby, 9st; Guano, 8st 6lb; Jumbo, 8st 4lb. Betting: 5 to 4 on Peacemaker, 6 to 4 v. Generous, 5 to 1 v. others. Won by a length from Generous.

Galloway Handicap (14.0 to 15.0), 5 furlongs.—G. Carter's Felspar, 11st 8lb (Ryan), 1. Other starters: Alicia, 9st 2lb; Baron, 7st 13lb; Iona, 7st 8lb. Betting: Even money on Felspar, 2 to 1 v. Baron, 3 to 1 each v. Iona and Alicia. Won by a length from Baron.

NORTHERN JOCKEY CLUB.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The Northern Jockey Club Race Meeting was commenced on the Rutherford course to-day in the presence of a fair attendance. The results were:—

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Jack Horner, 8st 5lb, 1; Bridga, 6st 10lb, 2; Ebony, 7st 5lb, 3. Other starters: Loch Marie and The Idol. Won by two lengths, half a length separating second and third. Time, 1 minute 19¼ seconds.

Park Stakes, 6 furlongs.—Archer, 7st 7lb, 1; Carpen, 8st 12lb, 2; Gozon, 9st 8lb, 3. Other starters: Rose, Standard, Wyee, Violetta, Ego, Roarty, Butler. Won comfortably by two lengths, a length separating second and third. Time, 1 minute 21¼ seconds.

Breeders' Plate, 1 mile.—Back-a-rock, 9st 12lb, 1; Jack the Robber, 7st 2lb, 2; Allright, 8st 7lb, 3. Other starters: Moama and Croaginalong. Jack the Robber led the full distance to the straight, the others being abreast two lengths away. On getting well into the straight Back-a-rock shot out, and, passing Jack the Robber 30 yards from the post, won by nearly a length. Time, 1 minute 47¼ seconds.

Members' Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Swift, 12st 4lb, 1; Ego, 10st 8lb, 2; Wyee, 10st 5lb, 3. Other starter: Roarty. Won easily by six lengths, a similar distance separating second and third. No time was taken.

Flying Welter, 6 furlongs.—Moama, 9st 10lb, 1; Bridga, 9st 5lb, 2; Violetta, 7st 7lb, 3. Other starters: Ebony, Metalline, Gozon, and Wonga. Won by three-quarters of a length, with half a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 20¼ seconds.

SECOND DAY.

The following additional weights have been declared for the second day's racing of the Northern Jockey Club:—

Short..., 6 furlongs.—Steward, 9st 4lb; Bay Sal, 8st 5lb; Loch Marie, 8st 12lb; Quadret, 7st 8lb; Ebony, 7st 2lb; Bridga, 8st 11lb; Metalline, 6st 7lb.

Selling Race, 6 furlongs.—Jack the Robber, 9st 8lb; Italian, 8st 9lb; Bess, 8st; Hander, 7st 5lb; Nigger, 6st 12lb.

Welter Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Swift, 12st; The Hall, 11st 8lb; Chance, 11st 3lb; Eau-de-Cologne, 11st; Ebony, 10st 12lb; Croaginalong, 10st 3lb; Navigat, 9st 10lb; Standard, 9st 12lb; Wyee, 8st 7lb; Roarty, 8st 7lb.

Final Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Jack the Robber, 9st 5lb; Quadret, 9st 5lb; Bridga, 8st 8lb; Fantasy, 8st 8lb; Williamstown, 8st 8lb; Metaline, 8st 4lb; Archer, 7st 8lb; Violetta, 6st 8lb.

BURRANGONG TURF CLUB HANDICAP.

YOUNG, Thursday.

The second day of the race meeting was held to-day. The weather was splendid and the attendance large. The racing throughout was good, and the handicapper, Mr. J. Price, was complimented on his excellent judgment, the finishes being close. The following were the results:—

Flying Handicap, ¾ mile.—Triemid, 8st 7lb, 1. Time, 1 minute 19½ seconds.

Hurdle Race, 2 miles.—Wanderer, 10st 7lb, 1; Sunshade, 9st 10lb, 2; Young Bolero, 9st, 3. Time, 4 minutes 20 seconds. A protest was lodged that Wanderer had run under another name. It was postponed till Wednesday next.

Burrangong Turf Club Handicap, 1½ mile.—Candour, 8st 5lb, 1; Marguerite and Bei, dead heat, 2. Time, 2 minutes 14 seconds. A splendid race was won by a head.

Ladies' Purse, 7 furlongs.—Oxley, 8st 2lb, 1; Ardrigh, 7st 7lb, 2; Amulet, 8st 12lb, 3. Time, 1 minute 31 seconds.

Farewell Handicap, 1 mile 120 yards.—P.N., 7st 5lb, 1; Triemid, 8st 4lb, 2. The finish was too close to determine third. Time, 1 minute 56½ seconds.

ORANGE JOCKEY CLUB.

ORANGE, Thursday.

The following are the weights for the chief events of the Jockey Club races, to be held next month:—

Opening Handicap.—Stanmore, 9st 12lb; Kelso, 9st 7lb; Redoubt, 8st 13lb; Hereward, 8st 11lb; Alice Hawthorne, 8st 5lb; Gladys, 7st 11lb; Tripos, 6st 13lb; Friendless (late Trident II.), 6st 10lb.

Town Plate.—Kelso, 9st 6lb; Redoubt, 8st 12lb; Hereward, 8st 10lb; Alice Hawthorne, 8st 4lb; Pretender, 8st 2lb; Felon, 7st 9lb; Blayney King, 7st 4lb; Tripos, 6st 12lb; Friendless, 6st 9lb.

Orange Jockey Club Handicap.—Kelso, 9st 5lb; Redoubt, 8st 11lb; Hereward, 8st 9lb; Pretender, 8st 1lb; Gladys, 7st 9lb; Felon, 7st 8lb; Blayney King, 7st 2lb; Pardon, 6st 13lb; Trichord, 6st 9lb.

GUNDAGAI RACING CLUB.

GUNDAGAI, Thursday.

Nominations for the Gundagai Racing Club's Annual Meeting on the 10th and 11th March were received last night as follows:—

G.R.C. Handicap.—Mr. R. Heaston's Candour, Mr. W. Barton's Led Astray, Dr. Mason's Evadne, Mr. C. H. Roberts's Marechal Niel, and Montana, Mr. T. Scanlon's Lottie, Mr. Jingley's Miss Gladstone.

Town Plate.—Mr. R. Heaston's Candour, Mr. R. F. Thorsley's Hailstorm, Mr. Barton's Led Astray, Dr. Mason's Evadne and Nym, Mr. Scanlon's Lottie, Mr. Jingley's Miss Gladstone, Mr. Roberts's Montana and Marechal Niel, Mr. A. M'Kinnon's Envy.

CRICKET.

On the subject of the amateur status of some Australian and English cricketers "Boris," in the London *Referee*, says:—"On the question of amateurism involved one might write columns, and probably give offence all the while. The very idea of cricketers claiming the title cutting up profit out of such a speculation is utterly indefensible on any logical grounds. As we know, most of the visiting Australian companies to our shores have been on sharing terms, just as much as those obtaining on a whaling or sealing ship. To give our friends down under only their due, their experimental trip was, if so organised, not got up with an eye to profit. The men who came with the pioneer team in '78 and scored so signal a success, did hope to clear expenses, but no more. Writing thus and showing the fallacy of classing money-making, except for clubs, as compatible with amateurism, let me not be thought partial. Our men have repeatedly beaten the Australians' record in the way of taking what came to them as a share of gate-money, because, while the latter played on speculation, some of the English big guns went on certainty. You might class some colonials as a sort of gentlemen adventurers if you pleased to look at the matter in that light. But the home-bred English, who were on so much to nothing, win or lose, a lump sum beyond what they cost for being carried, fed, and shepherded free, simply hired themselves. The only get-out to maintain their status was on the broken-time plea. To that is an overwhelming retort. They were not obliged to go unless they pleased. The outing was a luxury, not a necessary."

The publishing-room and machine-room (combined) of the *Herald* Office tried conclusions with the composing-room staff yesterday. The former totalled 117 (Matthews 38, Johnston 17, Arnold 14, Walbourn 12, Haddon 10). The composing-room replied with 127 for five wickets (George Blanchard 49, Heber 23, retired, Small 22, retired, Turner 14, Summers 10), and thus won by five wickets and 10 runs.

An interesting contest took place at the Victoria Barracks yesterday, when the Artillery was defeated by an eleven selected by S. E. Gregory. The former compiled 174 (R. Colbourne 86, Saunders 25, Hayward 13, Christian 12). Coningham secured five wickets for 79, Hogan two for 60, and Merrick three for 10. The visitors responded with 176 for eight wickets, and won just as the clock was striking 6. The principal scorers were: Merrick 82, Coningham and Hogan 22 each, Gregory 21 (not out), and Allan 16. Farrell obtained two for 44, Hayward two for 23, and W. Colbourne one for 8.

Sydney Grammar School played a draw with Waverley on Wednesday on the latter's ground. Waverley scored 189, two retiring, viz., Terry 61 and Bell 45, while Chase added 28. The School lost four wickets for 120, Barbour retiring for 46, Stephen 27 not out, and Drummond 16.

North Sydney Veterans and Imps played a draw on the North Sydney Oval yesterday. The visitors batted first, and were not disposed of until they had put together 201, of which number F. Walters made 83, O'Brien 38, Marr 25, Lipscombe 20, and Thompson 10. The Veterans at the call of time had lost seven wickets for 131, the principal scorers being H. H. Massie 54, L. Deane 41 retired, and W. Duff 18. For the visitors O'Brien took four wickets and Walters two, while for North Sydney Hardie took six, W. Duff three, and J. Duff one.

The Manly Oval was occupied on Wednesday by teams representing Hill, Clark, and Co. and the Pastoral Finance Association. The former won by 77 on the first innings. Hill, Clark, and Co. 149 (M'Kenzie 14, Powell 31, Davison 32, Wentworth 25). Pastoral Finance Association first innings, 72 (Ebsworth 35, Barton 10); second innings, nine for 34 (Ebsworth 15). Ebsworth six for 41, Orton three for 16, M'Donald two for 26, did the bowling for the Pastoral Finance Association; and for Hill, Clark, and Co. Fitzsimmons four for 38, Davison six for 31, and in the second innings Davison eight wickets, Fitzsimmons one wicket, were most successful.

BOWLS.

THE PENNANT CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS.

There is likely to be a larger attendance at the City green, Cook Park, to-morrow afternoon than there has been for some time past. To-morrow's semi-final contest for the pennant championship will be possessed of peculiar interest to bowlers, inasmuch as Balmain's win in the semi-final of last Saturday was entirely unexpected. City may confidently be expected to make a far better showing to-morrow than they did on the last occasion. Taking the sectional rounds it will be seen that whereas Murdoch has no wins to his credit, Harris has a record of two. Reeder shows to slightly less advantage than Muir, as he has three wins against four. Akhurst and Cutter stand exactly on an equality, both having won in every match they played. Cruickshank has a better showing than Nightingale, having won four and lost one match, while Nightingale won three and lost two.

The teams for to-morrow will probably be selected from among the following:—

Balmain.—Messrs. A. Marshall, W. H. Dalrymple, A. Christie, G. C. Murdoch, J. A. Brodie, Mansfield Newton, Dr. R. A. Wilson, J. J. Reeder, Carl Turner, F. Lemme, H. B. Cohen, Walter Akhurst, H. Seife, Dr. Gardner, Davidson, H. Young, and W. D. Cruickshank.

City.—Messrs. Lyons, Bedford, W. H. Goddard, H. Harris, E. Candell, C. W. Carpenter, C. Solomon, R. Muir, Major Morris, J. C. Waine, A. E. Butler, J. Cutter, H. A. Magney, Golding, F. J. Josephson, and D. Nightingale.

CITY CLUB'S GRAND TOURNAMENT.

The drawings for the second round for first and second prizes, and for the second round for third and fourth prizes, in the City Club's Grand Pair Tournament have been declared. They are as follows:—

Second Round for First and Second Prizes.—James and Butler (0) v. Bragden and Roberts (2), Punch and Gordon (4) v. Horrocks and Horrocks (0), Harris and Goddard (0) v. Dickinson and Bradbury (0), Morris and Josephson (0) v. Byrne and M'Causland (0), Magner and Nightingale (0) v. Martin and Waterhouse (8), Locke and Evans (2) v. Hall and Bromwich (6), Clarke and Perkins (4) v. Marshall and Cohen (3), Murray and Dalrymple (4) v. Hogg and Wheeler (6), Waine and Sheldon (8) v. Gibbes and Sands (12), Flesy and Dobson (0) v. Hewitt and Graham (8), Reeves and Coker (0) v. King and Rogers (4), Miller and Groth (0) v. Hogue and Taft (5), Forsyth and Wilkie (4) a bye.

Second Round for Third and Fourth Prizes.—Rofe and Vaughan (5) v. Rigg and Maron (4), Moore and Hudson (0) v. Hurley and Blanchard (8), Hockings and Thomas (0) v. Kenwood and Gentle (7), Howe and Rose (0) v. Barnes and Clark (5), Alcock and Wilson (0) v. Dr. Watson and Reeder (0), Corbett and Kelman (4) v. Delbridge and Williams (0), M'Donald and Kondio (2) v. Crouch and Baffen (5), Thomas and Wyse (2) v. Widdestrom and Mihell (0), Dr. Moore and Andrews (4) v. Forsberg and Metcalf (12), M'Leod and Wahlberg (0) v. Phippard and Wilson (8), Roarty and Lomas (2) v. Luckham and Davies (0), Hanigan and Medcalf (0) v. Goddard and Fitzgerald (7). These two rounds must be played off by 15th March.

TENNIS.

The appointment of Sir Edward Grey to serve as one of the commissioners on the West Indian Commission has given much satisfaction to his friends, and to those also who take an interest in his career as a public man. But (says an English exchange) inasmuch as his acceptance of the appointment means that he will probably be unable to take any part in tennis matches during the approaching season, the tennis world has heard of it with mixed feelings. Sir Edward has already intimated that he will not be able to defend his title in the contest for the amateur championship at the Queen's Club, which is to be concluded before Easter. Nor is there any hope of a match between him and Mr. Alfred Lyttelton for the gold prize this year. However, it is to be noted that what is a serious loss "to the general" is the opportunity of the few. Mr. Lyttelton has never played at the Queen's Club in the contest known as the amateur championship. His absence from the competition has been unintelligible to some, and has been regretted by all. His entry this year would, under the circumstances, be unexpected and surprising. Thus, with Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Lyttelton standing out of the competition, the question who will win his way to the position of amateur champion becomes, for the first time for some years, an open one.

POLO.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES.

A writer in the English paper *The Field* says:—"How few of the English-bred Arabs are of pony size; and even when crossed with English ponies they have a tendency to increase in height. There is money to be made in the breeding and training of polo ponies—though not, perhaps, so much as people think—by anyone who would solve the problem how to breed a pony with the substance of a hunter, the speed of a racehorse over a short distance, and the docility of an Arab—contained in an animal not over 14.2. Australian ponies would be very good if there were more of them, and I think that they would sell well over here. But at present they raise only few of them; and I know that Arabs are imported into Australia for polo-players. I have seen but few Australian polo ponies, but those I have seen have been superlatively good."

BILLIARDS.

JAMES V. BRAGGE.

The match of 3000 spot barred between Messrs. E. James, of Sydney, and Bragge, of Melbourne, for £10 a-side and the gate receipts, was concluded last night, and ended in an easy win for James by 3000 to 1989. When the game was adjourned on the previous evening, James was 2250 and Bragge 1442. Resuming the Sydney player continued to increase his advantage, and registered such breaks as 37, 42, 35, 27, 21, 27, 51, 52, 40, 61, 31, 53, 71, and 34. The loser's best efforts last night were 31, 67, 36, 42, 58, 25, and 51. On the play in the match just concluded there can be but one opinion regarding the relative merits of the two players, and that is that Bragge was greatly outclassed. He, however, admitted having been out of form. On the other hand, James took advantage of every opportunity, and played a steady, solid game from the commencement on Monday evening to the finish. The match was played on a Heron and Smith table, specially fitted up at their rooms in Castlereagh-street. Mr. E. J. Boyle acted as referee.

AQUATICS.

A smoke concert in connection with the East Sydney Rowing Club was held in the clubhouse, Woolloomooloo Bay, last night. There was a large attendance of members and of representatives of other rowing clubs. Mr. J. E. Myers, the captain, presided. An excellent programme was gone through, including items by Mr. J. Lindsay, who contributed "Little Sally Horner," Mr. Woods, Mr. T. Callaway, Mr. Colin Finney, and Mr. Mark Macdermott. Mr. A. Kerr acted as accompanist. The hon. secretary of the club, Mr. P. Griffiths, was indefatigable in his efforts to keep the amusement and interest from flagging, and he succeeded admirably.

AMUSEMENTS.

MISS EVELYN'S FAREWELL CONCERT.

There was an unusually large attendance at the Hotel Australia yesterday of ladies and gentlemen interested in organising a farewell concert to Miss Constance Evelyn. The movement is evidently being taken up with enthusiasm, and there can be little doubt that the outcome of the young contralto's farewell appearance at the Town Hall on 27th March will be in every way satisfactory. Mr. H. B. Brewer, who presided at yesterday's meeting, explained that a Saturday had been chosen as being a night on which lovers of music were accustomed to frequent the Town Hall. He had himself seen between one and two thousand people present at Mr. Wiegand's last recital. The idea was to prepare such an attractive programme that Miss Evelyn's *farewell* appearance should prove a notable event to look back upon, as they were all satisfied that her studies in England would enable her to make her mark there. (Cheers.) After discussion the following were appointed to form an executive committee:—Messrs. T. Pitney Martin, Hayne Smith, W. H. Foggitt, and Percy Bates, with Messrs. H. B. Brewer and W. H. Parkinson as hon. treasurers, and Mr. W. H. Feldwick and Dr. Furness Barrington as honorary secretaries. Tickets were distributed, and it was resolved to leave no stone unturned to make the send-off a thorough success.

GLEBE MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The Glebe Town Hall was well filled last night on the occasion of the second concert of the Glebe Musical Society. A miscellaneous programme of a tuneful character had been prepared, and as the tenors and basses sang with more confidence than in "The Rose Maiden" (their first essay) the vocal balance was more evenly maintained. During the evening the Mayor of the Glebe (Mr. William Cary) presented Mr. Arthur Massey with the society's badge of gold, handsomely engraved with the monogram of the new musical association. Mr. Cary, who made the presentation in the name of the vocal and instrumental members, expressed their hearty appreciation of Mr. Massey's high qualities as a conductor, and Mr. Massey having acknowledged the gift in cordial terms, the ceremony was brought to a close amidst enthusiasm.

The choral opening number was Mozart's "Sweet Peace Descending," wherein the grace and animation of the master's simple music was harmoniously expressed. The chorus made the popular success of the evening, however, in Pearson's humorous part-song, "Three Doughtie Men," in which, though the supposed "Chaucerian English" did not extend beyond the quaint spelling, the tale of the three heroes who fled before the rat, was brightly told. The choristers rendered the droll music with its burlesque touches, with spirit and point, and the encore was well deserved. Bishop's "Now Tramp o'er Moss and Fell" was vigorously given, and the staccato pianissimo passages which formed the support to the high soprano part (well rendered by Miss Llewellyn) showed that the work had been carefully studied. There is always much more difficulty in forming a suburban orchestra than in bringing a chorus into shape, and the overture to "The Siege of Rochelle" was by no means a strong feature in the programme. However, the orchestra did capital work in "The Turkish Patrol" (Michaelis), where the skilful suggestion of approach and retreat led to a hearty encore. Miss Marion Llewellyn, who was in excellent voice, sang with expressively clear enunciation and brilliant vocal quality "Dear Bird of Winter." As encore "I dreamt that I dwelt" was rendered with taste. Miss Clara Llewellyn's rich mezzo-soprano voice was heard in the now somewhat hackneyed "Out on the Rocks." The young singer was heard to advantage in Meyerbeer's "Lovely Fisher Maiden," which formed a taking encore number. Mr. W. H. Lynch made his success in "Come into the Garden, Maud," and responded to the applause by adding "Killarney." Mr. Henry Staell's finished style was shown in Chopin's "Nocturne No. 2," in which he played perfectly an exceedingly difficult and elaborate cadenza of his own; and the violinist also excited enthusiasm by the dainty exactness and vivacity which characterised his rendering of Sarasate's "Spanish Dance." Mr. Edward J. Massey was the accompanist. During the evening a flashlight photograph of the audience was taken.

ST. MARY'S, WAVERLEY.

Last evening a concert was given in St. Mary's Church, Waverley, by the chorister boys, under the directorship of Mr. W. Biggs, the church organist and choirmaster, who also acted as accompanist. The concert, which was in aid of the choir fund, was under the patronage of the vicar (Rev. R. M'Keown). The attendance was good. The choruses were all well rendered, and the members of the choir contributed solos, duets, trios, and recitations in such a manner as to render the entertainment thoroughly enjoyable.

THE VANBURG DRAMATIC COMPANY.

Last evening the members of the Vanburg Dramatic Company gave a performance in Stratton's Hall, Ebley-street, Waverley, when the spacious hall was filled. "Woman Against the World" was capitally played, the characters represented being Miss Richards (Miss Eiersdale), Mr. Richards (Mr. S. M'Gowen), Wild Bill (Mr. Vanburg), with Miss Sherwood, Miss Fisher, and Miss Clotta May assisting. Musical contributions were rendered by Miss Elderslie and Mr. Schaias. Miss Hannan acted as pianist throughout the evening. Mr. W. Brown acted as manager.

AUBURN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The second concert of the "Penny Reading" was given in the above church on Wednesday evening last, 24th February. Alderman Dyer (Mayor of Auburn) presided. The following friends assisted:—Misses Baker, Harrod, Morris, Johnston, Short, Messrs. W. Knox, J. Smith, G. Wilson.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BALMAIN.

St. Thomas's Lecture Hall, West Balmain, was well filled on Tuesday night, when an attractive entertainment of music and Tableaux Vivants was given in aid of St. Thomas' Branch Church, Lilyfield. Mr. M. A. Noble, the well-known cricketer, was encored for his song "The Deathless Army" (with invisible chorus), and Messrs. E. J. Beauman, George King, W. D. Jackson, George A. Grimm, A. R. Coffey, H. Crick, Alexander M'Gregor, H. H. M'Mahon, and Mrs. W. D. Jackson and Miss M'Burney also contributed to the programme. The Tableaux Vivants were "When the Heart is Young," by Misses Murphy (three), E. Griffiths, and Mr. E. J. Hogan; "Keen's Mustard" (two scenes), Miss L. Murphy and Mr. Alexander M'Gregor; "Where are you Going my Pretty Maid" (three scenes), Miss Alice Murphy and Mr. F. G. Carter; and "Rock of Ages," the Misses Murphy. Mr. Frederick G. Carter directed the entertainment.

FIVE DOCK AND DRUMMOYNE.

MUNICIPAL FINANCES.

It will be remembered that sometime ago Drummoyne was separated from Five Dock, and erected into an independent municipality. At the time the debt of the whole borough was proportionately adjusted, and the new borough agreed to the payment of certain interest to Five Dock. In view of its financial position the matter has lately been engaging the earnest attention of the Five Dock Council, and at the last meeting the Mayor (Alderman Lucas) submitted the following minute:—"According to section 18 of the Municipalities Act, before separation can be effected, the debts and other liabilities then attaching shall be, by, or to the satisfaction of the Minister, proportionally adjusted as between such proposed division, and, inter alia, if in such adjustment any balance shall be found due from one of such proposed divisions of municipalities to the other, such balance shall be recoverable at law, after such division, by the municipality by whom it shall be found payable. In accordance with the foregoing section, an adjustment of the debts and liabilities of the entire municipality was proportionately adjusted to the satisfaction of the Minister, and the amount found to be due by the borough of Drummoyne was £2300. This amount was agreed to by the borough of Drummoyne, and the interest thereon at 6 per cent. paid to your council. If the £2300 is paid by Drummoyne, the debenture-holders or other creditors of Five Dock cannot have any claim upon Drummoyne. Five Dock Council, on receipt of £2300 and all interest due thereon, can well afford to let Drummoyne look after its own business, and any debenture-holders from Five Dock will soon learn to their cost that any claim they think they have on Drummoyne is not worth anything. There is not any agreement between Five Dock debenture-holders and Drummoyne, and as a consequence these debenture-holders must treat with the Five Dock Council alone, and the Five Dock Council in turn must deal with Drummoyne if there is any indebtedness between the respective councils. The question of the payment of the £2300 and interest is a matter entirely between the Five Dock Council and the Drummoyne Council only." Alderman Aplin said the Mayor was deserving of the council's thanks for the able minute he had presented, and expressed a hope that the council would not throw away any money on legal expenses. Subsequently there was some discussion as to the advisability of taking legal action. Eventually it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Rodd, that a letter be written to the Drummoyne Council asking for payment of the amount due this council.

THE PRIMATE'S PRAYER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Is it by accident or design that the prayer issued by the Primate to his clergy is not to be used in their churches until the Federal Convention is in session, that is to say, not for a month hence? Do not the electors want help as much as the delegates?

Might not Divine guidance be equally well sought at once by public prayer to the end that the electors may be moved to choose true and righteous persons to sit on the Convention? I am, &c.,

AN INQUIRER.

THE MEDICAL COMFORTS SUPPLIED TO PRISONERS.

WHITE SPIRIT V. BRANDY.

COLONIAL PREJUDICE AGAINST REAL BRANDY.

BRANDY ECLIPSED BY WHITE SPIRIT.

Recently a considerable amount of attention has been given in official circles to the merits of white spirit as contradistinguished from a liquor that was called brandy. It seems that early in the year 1895 notice was taken of the fact that there had been an extravagant use of stimulants in certain hospitals; and as the result of certain investigations which were then carried out, authority was given for white spirit, the product of a certain establishment in the neighbourhood of Sydney, diluted to 40 degrees, to be alone furnished in response to requests for alcohol and it was ordered that samples of the proposed stock should be reported upon by the Government Analyst annually prior to purchase. By the Department of Justice we have been furnished with the subjoined documents relating to this matter:—

This report has been made by the Chief Medical Officer in consequence of representations recently submitted by the visiting surgeon of Biloela Gaol as to use of white spirit in cases where alcohol was indicated in the treatment of patients in gaol hospitals. Dr. Carruthers wished to be allowed to use his discretion in cases where, in his opinion, brandy or other forms of stimulant should be used, and the Chief Medical Officer therefore asked for a sample bottle of the brandy in question, in order that it might be analysed by the Government Analyst. It may be mentioned that gaol surgeons still possess the power to exercise their discretion as to the use of malt liquor (ale and porter), but the white spirit diluted to 40 degrees is to be used only in lieu of alcohol as usually given in the form of brandy, rum, gin, or whisky:—

"February 19, 1897.—The Comptroller-General of Prisons will be interested in the result of analysis A made by the Government Analyst (Mr. W. M. Hamlet) of the 'brandy' to the use of which the visiting surgeon to Biloela Gaol attaches so much value in his paper returned herewith. This shows that the sample was composed almost entirely—and in view of all questions of treatment of disease it may be said without qualification to have been composed entirely—of that white spirit to which the visiting surgeon now objects. A proportion of grape brandy has been added to it, but this, Mr. Hamlet has informed me, probably did not exceed a tenth part. The sample examined was an unopened bottle of the liquor supplied under contract as brandy, and was one of three bottles referred to as being a remnant of stock furnished to Biloela Gaol. Its appearance, odour, flavour, the make of the bottle in which it is sold, and the labels with which it is adorned (which includes even the traditional three stars) are all to the inexpert palate and sight such as are commonly associated with the word 'brandy.' But these are appearances only. The fact is—white spirit, not brandy at all. In a second set of papers Dr. O'Connor, who was formerly visiting surgeon to Darlinghurst Gaol, and now attends to the gaol at Parramatta, where he is one of the medical officers to the public institutions, complains against withdrawal of contract brandy and substitution for it of white spirit in nearly the same terms as Dr. Carruthers. I therefore append two analyses of contract brandy used by Dr. O'Connor at the two gaols named, from which it will be seen that, like Dr. Carruthers, he has implicitly relied in the past on a spurious spirit which was not brandy. Analysis B relates to a sample of bulk brandy which was supplied to Darlinghurst Gaol, 20th November, 1895, and which was used by Dr. O'Connor until his transfer to Parramatta on the 1st July, 1896. The sample was part of the remnant of this supply, which is being used up by the present visiting surgeon, Dr. Paton, and neither gentleman has ever complained against it. Mr. Hamlet declares it to be 'ordinary commercial brandy, prepared from white spirit, essences, and some grape brandy.' Analysis C relates to brandy submitted to Parramatta Gaol, 2nd November, 1896, and the sample was contained in an unopened bottle, being one of the remnant. It has been used by Dr. O'Connor since the date mentioned, and he has not made any complaint against it. Mr. Hamlet declares it to be 'a commercial brandy of good quality.' That is to say that it is, like the other, a white spirit blend, but that the proportion of added grape brandy is rather larger. Had the contention now raised by Drs. Carruthers and O'Connor been that the effects they were accustomed to ascribe to brandy did not follow on administration of the contract article, then the question whether a genuine grape brandy ought not to be supplied to gaols might need serious consideration. But their complaint, made on high professional grounds, is of a different kind altogether. It is that they are compelled to give up this contract article, which has just been shown to be a more or less impure white spirit, in consequence of which, they say, their patients must suffer. Thus, nothing remains to be considered, unless, indeed, it be the question how it happens that the peculiarly beneficial effects they have been accustomed to ascribe to brandy followed on administration at their hands of the contract article, which was not brandy. It will be well, perhaps, to add a note on the circumstances under which contracts for 'brandy' have been allowed to be filled by delivery of a coloured and flavoured alcohol of other than grape origin. No effective deception ever has been practised, for nearly everybody interested in the matter knows, and for years past has known, that the spirits of commerce very seldom have the sole origin their names imply. It is not necessary to go into all the reasons which have led to acceptance of a suitably coloured and flavoured spirit of unspecified origin (but not from the grape) as brandy, though one of them may be mentioned, which was discovered at great cost to Australia itself. That is, that when genuine grape brandy is made and offered at usual rates the public will not buy it, but prefer the nondescript coloured spirit, provided only it be labelled 'brandy.' The compound referred to is everywhere accepted and passed in the course of ordinary business by all public (or food) analysts, and is not declared by them to be adulterated, unless, as sometimes happens, the colouring and flavouring have been done with matters in themselves injurious to health. This compound is on which all physicians rely in the treatment of disease, because to a vast majority of their patients this alone is accessible. It is, I repeat once more, not brandy, but white spirit of less certain wholesomeness than that to which Drs. Carruthers and O'Connor alone now object.—(Signed) J. ASHBURTON THOMPSON, Chief Medical Officer."

PRIMITIVE METHODIST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The assembly of the above Church resumed its sittings yesterday morning.

It was resolved to associate the churches in the Tamworth district with the Morpeth circuit. The Liverpool church was united to the Granville circuit. The allocation committee's report was adopted as follows:—Grant to Sydney first (Albion-street and Darlington), £40; Waterloo Mission, £25; Camden, £40; Crookwell, £20; Mudgee, £40; Granville, £20; Parramatta, £12; Morpeth, £30; Macleay, £13; Kingston, £12; Glebe Mission, £15.

It was resolved that the next annual assembly should be held in the Annandale church.

The Rev. J. W. Leadley was appointed to preach the conference sermon in 1898. The Rev. Thomas Davies was appointed to act as general committee delegate at the next annual assembly. The Rev. John Atkinson, of York (England), was appointed to be the delegate to the British conference.

The following were appointed as missionary delegates to the various stations:—Sydney—1, Albion-street, Rev. J. W. Leadley; 2, St. Peters, Rev. J. E. Metcalfe; 3, Forest Lodge, Rev. E. Crozier; 4, Dulwich Hill, Rev. S. Kessall; 5, Annandale, Rev. J. Penman; 6, Balmain, W. Pettinger; Goulburn, Rev. J. E. Metcalfe; Newcastle, Rev. James Green; Wickham, Rev. T. Davies; Wallsend, Rev. F. Parr; Lithgow, Rev. P. S. Young; Wollongong, Rev. M. Reavley; Parramatta, Rev. M. Reavley; Macleay River, Rev. J. W. Holden; Camden, Rev. L. Hurd; Morpeth, Rev. H. Kenny; Mudgee, Rev. W. Atkinson; Crookwell, Rev. E. Crozier; Granville, Rev. J. B. Penman; Greta, Rev. T. F. Rudd; Penrith, Mr. Massingham; Stockton, Rev. J. W. Leadley; Charlestown, Rev. J. B. Penman; Kingston, Rev. J. Green; Waterloo, Rev. P. S. Young.

The Revs. James W. Holden, J. E. Metcalfe, and F. Parr, M.A., were elected as examiners for lay preachers in the Northern district; Revs. T. Davies and Young for the Central district; and Revs. Crozier and Gilby for the Southern district. The Rev. P. S. Young, of St. Peters, was elected as the secretary of the district committee.

The following gentlemen were elected to represent the assembly in the Christian Endeavour Central Committee:—Revs. Holden, Green, Davies, Metcalfe, Messrs. Crozier and Massingham. The following were elected to represent the assembly in the Federal Council:—Bros. E. Crozier, M. Reavley, J. W. Holden, J. Green, T. Davies, and J. E. Metcalfe, with Messrs. J. Blanksby, M.L.C., J. Cook (Postmaster-General), G. F. Crozier, J. Corfield, Henry Carruthers, and James Matthews.

Mr. G. F. Crozier was elected secretary of the Sunday school committees. The Rev. J. W. Holden was appointed secretary of the equalisation committee, with Mr. W. Corfield treasurer. The Rev. J. E. Metcalfe was elected secretary of the missionary committee, with Mr. J. Matthews treasurer, and the Rev. T. Davies secretary of the building committee.

This concluded the business.

TRADES MOVEMENTS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sydney District Council of the Australasian Labour Federation was held at the Trades Hall last night. Mr. Samuel Smith occupied the chair. A letter was received from Mr. Tom Mann, on behalf of the International Federation of Ship, Dock, and River Workers. In the latter it was stated that an attempt was being made to embrace in the federation all the chief ports of the world. Already it was stated that the English union had been able to influence the workers in the various European ports, and an alliance had been formed with some American ports. The council decided to accord a good reception to Mr. Ben Tillett, who was compelled to leave England on account of ill-health. A discussion took place upon sweating in the clothing trade, and the secretary was instructed to submit a report to the next meeting of the council with a view to definite action being taken. Mr. J. P. Buckley was appointed as the delegate from the Confectioners' Union.

Business has been described as "the salt of life," but business can only be properly attended to by persons in vigorous health, and if you are moody and depressed, have no appetite, and generally speaking don't care much whether you are alive or dead you are badly in want of a bottle of Minerva Tonic.—[Advt.]

THE LAKE FISHERIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Permit me a final word in connection with this controversy. Mr. Phillip Cohen in your issue of the 16th instant has introduced a personal element into the discussion that is to be regretted; the subject is far to important for personalities. I again utterly deny the truth of the charges made as the wanton destruction of small fish, but as it is simply my word against that of a well-known public man like Mr. Oliver—I do not know Mr. Cohen—it is clear that we must show proof of the falsity of the accusation. Mr. Cohen adduces no proof in support of his assertions, but is content to vouch for the accuracy of Mr. Oliver's statements, and if for nothing else is to be complimented on the sublimity of his faith. Mr. Oliver, on the other hand, distinctly states that his charge was the result of a week's close investigation on the spot. A worse time for such an investigation could not have been chosen, for the majority of the fishermen, like himself, were taking their Christmas holidays. This is clearly proved from the market returns. The whole of Lake Macquarie supplied only 56 baskets for the week ending 2nd January and 65 the following week. Mr. Oliver's yacht entered the Lake on the 30th December, and left on the 6th January. I have made careful inquiries from the fishermen, and I doubt very much if Mr. Oliver saw two boats hauled during his stay. If he did not see these fish killed himself then who is his authority? If as a casual visitor, did see these things, what are the commissioners doing to allow them? Why have they not called upon the local inspector for an explanation. Surely a man whose special business is to protect the fishing, and whose duty takes him all over the Lake at all times, must see them too, if they happen; then why does he not take action? The Act gives him power to deal with such cases, and if things are one-tenth as bad as is alleged there is a dereliction of duty somewhere. Mr. Cohen flatly denies my statement respecting the large quantities of fish in "mid-channel." If any unprejudiced accredited person—or even Mr. Cohen himself—will visit the lake I and one other of the fishermen will place ourselves and boat at his disposal for a week gratuitously, and first show him these "mythical" fish, and, secondly, afford him facilities for seeing any or every boat on the lake haul, that he may see for himself whether the alleged fish destruction is fact or otherwise. Or he may, if he pleases, unknown to us, watch us at our work. This will finally decide this question, and the public can then judge between us. We are content to abide the result. There are one or two minor points I might refer to. While congratulating Mr. Cohen upon the very evident knowledge of fish migration he possesses, I would remark that he has missed the point of my reference to the "salmon." I did not refer to any particular season. At the time I mentioned the fish were here in thousands all the year round; for the last three years or so they have not been seen at all. As regards fishing "agin our doors," last week I fished in Chain Valley, and each day, after the labour of hauling, pulled the boat 16 miles to the station; it would have been nearer to have gone "outside." The subject of deep-water spawning is too wide to enter upon just now; but before the matter closes I hope to see opinions based upon experience—expressed in your columns. We offer our opponents an opportunity of testing the points at issue; and as this should place the matter beyond doubt, I thank you on behalf of the fishermen for the means you have afforded us of refuting the charges.

I am, &c. GEORGE PARKER.

February 22.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Very pleasing proof that the closing of some of the lake fisheries would not bring ruin to professional fishermen was afforded the other day. Despite the fact that our sea fishing grounds have been thinned from one cause or another, several boats from Watson's Bay and Manly have been getting good hauls of our best rock fish close in to the cliffs outside the Heads. They are rarely more than a couple of hours' sail from shelter, and fishing with three lines per man they have done remarkably well, topping the market with their fish. One of the largest retailers of fish in this city in conversation the other day expressed his conviction that £3 a week per man could be made all the year round by half a dozen men with a well-boat. It seems as if some of our harbour and lake netters are averse to going on the ocean. Several well-known amateur fishermen make extended trips for the offing and inshore fishing and their opinions tally with those of the plucky professionals who almost daily go seaward. The money paid for one of the great nets so familiar to those who have watched the foreign fishermen's night operations in Sydney harbour, would rent a suitable boat for ocean fishing for a considerable time. Where is all this bogus hardship, then? It is certainly rough to make some smooth-water sailors sea-sick. Mr. D. M'Guinness in your issue of the 22nd instant draws attention to the great loss frequently occurring on mullet and blackfish sent to the Sydney markets. Why should there be this loss? Mullet are easily salted and smoked, and there is a great and rapidly growing demand for smoked fish. Besides Sydney is not the only place in New South Wales to sell fish in. It might be sent direct to some of the large inland towns where it would be as welcome as angels' visits. I saw a heap of some hundreds of kingfish sold for 1s a dozen in the Woolloomooloo market a few days ago. If these had been cleaned and properly packed they would have brought from 8s to 12s a dozen in towns not 40 miles from the metropolis.

I am, &c., CHARLES THACKERAY.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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CUSTOM-HOUSE.—Entered outwards: February 25, Ranelagh (s.) 836 tons, Captain T. L. Johnstone, for Rockhampton, via ports; Cintra (s.), 1979 tons, Captain J. E. Belcher, for Cooktown, via ports; Franklin (s.), 720 tons, Captain D. P. Davies, for Brisbane and ports; Tarawera (s.), 2003 tons, Captain H. J. Richardson, for Wellington; St. Louis (s.), 1343 tons, Captain V. Guilneau, for Noumea; La Perouse (s.), 626 tons, Captain H. Offret, for Noumea and New Hebrides.

The steamer St. Louis yesterday arrived from Lyttelton, via Newcastle, and berthed at the Adelaide Company's Wharf.

The Buzzard yesterday went to an anchorage in Farm Cove.

Captain T. Law Johnstone reports that the Ranelagh left Brisbane at 0.20 p.m. on the 22nd, cleared Cape Moreton at 4.30 p.m. same day, passed South Solitary at 8.30 a.m. on the 24th, entered Sydney Heads at 4.30 a.m. on the 25th, and berthed at the company's wharf. Experienced light N. and N.W. winds to Crowdy Head, thence moderate southerly winds and hazy weather till arrival.

Captain Walker reports that the Allowrie left Eden at the 24th instant at 8 a.m., Merimbula at 11 a.m., Tathra at 3 p.m., Bermagui at 7.30 p.m., passed Cape St. George at the 25th at 4 a.m., and entered Sydney Heads at noon, and arrived at company's wharf at 12.45 p.m. Experienced light to fresh westerly winds to arrival.

The Peregrine left Brisbane on the 24th instant, and entered Sydney Heads at 9 p.m. yesterday.

The Ance, barque, yesterday left Wellington for New York.

The brigantine Geneva, Captain Paulsen, from Barbes, Humboldt Bay, to Messrs. Joseph J. Falk and Co., yesterday arrived with a full cargo of redwood timber. She had a smart run of 47 days to the line, and was afterwards delayed by light winds.

The Pendle Hill is coming from Brisbane with a cargo of scrap iron.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Valetta, hence 1st February, arrived at Colombo on Wednesday afternoon last.

The R.M.S. Parramatta, from London 28th January, left Colombo on Wednesday morning, the 24th instant.

The Polynesien, with the mails dated Sydney, the 20th January, left Port Said on the 24th instant at 4 a.m., and is expected to arrive at Marseilles on the 28th instant before noon. The London portion of her mails will be delivered on the 1st March.

The German mail steamer Barbarossa yesterday arrived at Albany at 6.30 a.m. from Bremen.

THE STEAMER OONAH IN COLLISION.

The steamer Oonah was yesterday proceeding down the harbour from the Union Company's wharf, and when abreast of the Grafton Wharf she came into collision with the barque Jane S. Stott, then being towed to the wharf. The blow was a sliding one, and the damage slight.

LAUNCH OF THE DELPHIC.

On the 5th January Messrs. Harland and Wolff launched at Belfast a large twin-screw steamer named the Delphic, the latest addition to the fleet of the White Star steamers. The dimensions of the new vessel are:—475ft. long by 55ft. beam, the gross tonnage being about 9000, and she will be employed in the New Zealand trade with other vessels of the White Star and the Shaw Savill and Albion lines. The distance traversed on each voyage exceeds 26,000 miles. The new vessel, like the Gothic, will be fitted with two sets of triple expansion engines and twin screws. In addition to ordinary coal and cargo spaces the Delphic will be fitted with two large refrigerating machines of the dry-air system, and there will be a total refrigerated space in three holds of about 280,000 cubic feet, or equal to about 100,000 carcases of sheep.

THE AORANGI.

This steamer, lately purchased by Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co. for the Canadian-Australian service, is elsewhere announced to sail hence in May. The steamer was formerly one of the Royal mail liners under subsidy by the New Zealand Government. She has just been fitted with entirely new cabin accommodation of modern design and equipment—first and second class dining saloons, drawing-rooms and smoking-rooms, extensive promenades, electric lights, hot and cold water baths, ample cold storage, new triple-expansion engines, and latest auxiliaries. On her trial she did 15·7 knots.

CATHOLIC LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETIES' UNION.

A general meeting of all societies interested in the above organisation was held in St. Benedict's School Hall on Tuesday, the 16th instant, and Wednesday, the 17th. The Rev. Father Borody occupied the chair. The scheme for the guidance of the union was finally drawn up.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Yesterday at the Balmain Police Court, before Mr. D. Macfarlane, D.S.M., George Kensey, the owner of premises situated at No. 3 Stephen-street, Balmain, proceeded against George Hodder, for damage to property and rent, amounting in all to £3 1s. From the evidence adduced it was shown that the defendant was a tenant of complainant, and on the 25th January defendant gave notice that he was leaving the premises. Complainant served the defendant with a notice that he was not to leave the premises until he placed them in a tenantable state. Subsequently, however, defendant left, and it was found that the walls of the building were considerably knocked about, and the paperhangings so damaged that some £5 or £6 had to be expended by the complainant in effecting repairs. A new sash had to be placed in one of the windows, and eight panes of glass were smashed, besides injury to a fence and other details. The magistrate held that the case had been proved, and gave a verdict in favour of the owner of the property for £3 1s, with 9s costs.

Major F. A. Wright, on the retired list, has been appointed major commanding of the 5th Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

Business was again very quiet in the Bank and Share market, very few transactions being reported. Prices generally were strong. Nothing was done in public securities. In banks, New South Wales were quitted at the previous rate, others being as before. Australian Joint Stock Bank deposits were rather stronger. English, Scottish, and Australian Bank debentures had buyer at 16s 6d. Steam, insurance, and gaslight were unchanged, no business transacted. Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery brought 17s 3d. Perpetual Trustee were quitted at a reduction of 6d on the last-quoted price. [illegible] and Wrench advanced 6d. For [illegible] Provident Building 15 was offered. The [illegible] Building Society deposits are now quoted ex 1s interest returned.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—At 1 o'clock: London Bank deposits, 11s 9d; Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery, 17s 3d; Colonial Sugar, 27⅞. At 4 o'clock: Bank of New South Wales, 35; Perpetual Trustee, 7s; Silverton Tramway, 96s; [illegible] Timber, contributing, 1s 9d. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of shares.	Shares paid up.	Last div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
	£	£	£	p.c.			
[illegible]	2,398,010	...		4	112½	112	113
[illegible]	840,100	—	...	4	117½	115	...
[illegible]	300,300	—	...	5	100	100	—
[illegible]					100		—
[illegible]	200,000	...	...	4	100	105	...
[illegible]	—	...	...	5	102½	...	—
[illegible]	—	...	...	5½	104	...	—
[illegible]	—	...	...	5½	102½	—	—
Banks.							
[illegible]	1,670,000	40	40	5	...	...	...
[illegible]	1,166,565	10	7½		17 6	15	17 6
[illegible]	240,000	10	8	4	88	75/	80/
[illegible]	160,000	10	8	4	77 6	...	77 6
[illegible]	2,115,560	10	10				73/
[illegible]	1,070,000	25	12½	8	24½	24	24½
[illegible]	1,612,431	10	6¼				
[illegible]	1,945,940	20	20	9	35	35	35½
[illegible]	920,780	8	6		...		...
[illegible]	£375,000	9	5	2	40 6	—	—
[illegible]	1,500,000	75	25	5	25½	25	25½
[illegible]							
[illegible]	4,985,244				12 3	12 3	...
[illegible]	391,141				12/	—	12/
[illegible]	5,335,065				15 7	17/	—
[illegible]	...						...
[illegible]	...				15/	14 6	...
[illegible]	317,000				19/	18 2	...
[illegible]	1,017,248				17/	16 6	17 3
[illegible]	1,000,000				12 3	13/	...
[illegible]	1,000,000					11/	...
[illegible]	3,265,600				19 7½	...	...
[illegible]	6,015,000				15/	9/	—
[illegible]							
[illegible]	22,000	5	3½	8½	5½		5½
[illegible]	100,000	1	1	6	18 3		18 3
[illegible]	121,743	1	17 6	6	15 3	15/	16/
[illegible]	60,000	1	1	10	42 9	42 3	43/
[illegible]	34,660	5	60/		5	4 6	5 6
[illegible]	25,000	1	5	23	18 3	18/	...
[illegible]	15,000	1	...	10	2 9	2 8	2 9
[illegible]	26,250	1	3 6	21½	8/	7 9	...
[illegible]	200,000	10	2	12½	20 6	...	...
[illegible]	62,500	10	2½	12½	83	82	85
[illegible]	5,725	10	12 6	12½	15 6	17 6	20/
[illegible]							
[illegible]	661,798	6	6	9	16	16	16½
[illegible]	10,000	1	1	15	47/	...	48/
[illegible]	8,000	1	1	8	23 2½	23/	25/
[illegible]	15,000	1	1	7	23 6	22/	23 6
[illegible]	6,000	1	1	6	19 9	18/	20/
[illegible]	23,127	2	2	12½	96/	90/	100/
[illegible]	96,328	1	1	6	24	23 6	25 6
[illegible]	...		10/	6	...		...
[illegible]							
[illegible]	96,000	1	1	5	15/	14 8	15 6
[illegible]	250,000	1	1	5	17 3	17/	17 3
[illegible]	31,250	10	5	6	4 4	4 4	4 6
[illegible]	58,233	15	15	10	20 8	21/	...
[illegible]	300,000	1	1	7	22/	21 9	22/
[illegible]	37,500	15	10	5	4/	...	4/
[illegible]	181,500	1	1	10	17/	16 0	17/
[illegible]	200,000	1	1	7½	24 7½	23/	25/
[illegible]	17,500	1	1	7½			
[illegible]	1,702,000	20	20	10	27½	27½	27¾
[illegible]	1,000,000	20	5	8	101	...	...
[illegible]	71,500	1 3	13		5/	5/	5 3
[illegible]	34,000	1	1	2½	4 6	...	...
[illegible]	108,000	1	18	10	20 1½	...	...
[illegible]	50,000	1	1	8	22 6	...	...
[illegible]	50,000	1	10	8	10 6	...	...
[illegible]	480,000	1	10	5	...		
[illegible]	78,392	1	1	10	31 8	31 9	...
[illegible]	25,000	5	2 6	4	1/11	1/11	2/
[illegible]	25,000	10	5	6	7/	6 9	7 6
[illegible]	150,000	1	1	6	...	9 6	...
[illegible]							
[illegible]	40,000	1	1	4	8/	8 6	10/
[illegible]	75,000	1	15	4	5 9	5 9	6 2
[illegible]	167,808	1	1	50	98/	95/	97/
[illegible]	30,000	10	10	7	14½	14½	...
[illegible]	75,000	1	10	7½	...	20	...
[illegible]	...				125	...	...
[illegible]	—		13			12/	15/
[illegible]				6	15½	15	
[illegible]	31,713	20	...	10	10/	3 6	
[illegible]	...				...	8 9	1 9/
[illegible]	...				...	9 8	...
[illegible]	...				...	6 9	7 6

London news extends to the day on which tenders were received for the 3 per cent. loan of the West Australian Land Company, when only £80,000 was subscribed. With one critic we agree in the opinion that the loan was ill-managed, that people could not understand it, and that fully 1 to 1½ per cent. more would have been got if the loan had been made direct by the Government. We think this for the reason that the price absolutely realised for the issue, about 97 net, was only the equivalent of 104 for the 3½ per cents. of the colony, which at the time were quoted on the London Stock Exchange at 110½ net. Usually the placing of a large amount of fresh stock on the market depresses the price, and any seller, whether Government or other, must be prepared to accept something less—usually 2 to 3, occasionally more, but a drop of 6½ obviously represents too great a reduction, which can only be accounted for by the misunderstanding of the public with regard to the security for interest and principal.

Mr. L. C. Probyn writes to the *Times* to the effect that the Russian rouble as now fixed at 1-15th of the Imperial (which weighs 12.902 grammes 9-10ths fine) represents 25·37 pence. The silver rouble which is now merely an effective token coin is rated to gold at 23½ to 1. This rate is almost identical with the rate of 15d for the rupee (equal to 23·36 to 1).

As well as by the increased profits of the banks and railway companies the revival in trade in Great Britain is indicated by the results of the operations of the London dock companies. The East and West India during the second half of 1896 earned a net profit of £61,676, as compared with £50,805 for the corresponding period of 1895. This gain of nearly £11,000 enabled the directors to pay the full interest on the debenture stock, with the help of only £252 drawn from the annual interest reserve fund, as against £10,583 withdrawn in 1895. The holders of deferred debenture stock, however, got nothing. The London and St. Katharine declares a dividend of 2¼ per cent. per annum for the half-year, making the distribution for the whole year 2¼ per cent., with £816 forward, which compares with 2½ per cent. for 1895.

The report of the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company's profits for the year ended 30th September amounted to £51,555. Out of this a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. was paid on preference shares. Business had been less profitable than was expected, owing to the failure of wool to realise the prices looked for, and to the effects of the drought. The sum of £50,000 of the reserve fund of £200,000 had been applied to meet expiring leasehold improvements and other contingencies. The paid-up capital of the company is £300,000, besides preference shares and preference stock amounting to £492,600. The indebtedness on terminable debentures is £433,265, and on perpetual debentures £226,185.

The large structure of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York in Martin-place, which is now occupied by prominent institutions and offices, will from the 1st March also be the business site of the Pitt-street branch of the Bank of Australasia.

According to the *Times* the average prices per imperial qr. of wheat, barley, and oats for the 10 years, 1887 to 1896 were as follows:—

Year.	Wheat. s. d.	Barley. s. d.	Oats. s. d.
[illegible]	32 6	25 4	16 3
[illegible]	31 10	27 10	16 9
[illegible]	29 9	25 10	17 9
[illegible]	31 11	28 8	18 7
[illegible]	37 0	28 2	20 0
[illegible]	30 3	26 2	19 10
[illegible]	26 4	25 7	18 9
[illegible]	22 10	24 6	17 1
[illegible]	23 1	21 11	14 6
[illegible]	26 2	22 11	14 9

Although there was a rapid recovery in the price of wheat last year, almost to the price of 1893, there has been a great fall of 6s 4d per quarter, or 19 per cent., since 1887. Wheat has cheapened within the time considerably more than barley and oats. Further, if we take the average prices of 45 leading commodities included in Mr. Sauerbeck's list, 61 as compared with 68 in 1887, we find a drop of about 10 per cent. only, or a little less if we exclude wheat from the list on which the index number is based.

There was a considerable increase in the trade of Cape Colony during the year 1896. The principal figures were as follow:—

Year.—Imports.		
Merchandise	£13,265,005	£16,042,865
Government articles	327,400	992,174
Specie	5,482,475	836,332
Grand total	19,094,880	18,771,371
Exports.		
Colonial produce	3,826,504	3,891,072
Diamonds	4,775,016	4,646,487
Gold (raw)	7,976,637	8,252,543
Total	16,577,157	16,790,102
Goods re-exported	220,980	251,736
Total	16,798,137	16,951,838
Specie	106,619	18,330
Grand total	16,904,756	16,970,168
Customs duties	1,630,545	2,170,044

IMPORT MARKET.

Rather more activity was displayed to-day, although the buoyancy was confined to but few departments. Breadstuffs moved off slowly at recently current rates. Sugar was only fairly active. The market could hardly absorb three catalogues of tea in a single day; but in the morning Chinas met with a good deal of competition, and vendors being prepared to sell good business resulted. Prices generally were about market rates, desirable leaf of medium quality being taken in preference to low grades. Fish of all kinds met with a good consumptive demand, kippered herrings being rather scarce. All the cheap lots of ling have been bought up, and the market rules firmer in consequence. The abundance of fresh fruit now being sold is having a curtailing effect on the demand for both dried and canned descriptions. Liquors moved off slowly; and brewers' goods also were quiet though firm. In the metal markets no change was noticeable, moderate sales only being reported. The leading brands of cement were scarce. Kerosene remained at recent rates, small sales being effected. Jute was unaltered; but there was somewhat more disposition to hold on to branbags. Chemicals generally were dull at late rates.

Breadstuffs.—Locally business was quiet. Riverina wheat sold for export at 4s 8d to 4s 8½d f.o.b., according to size of parcel. Flour remained steady. New Zealand grain is offering at 4s 3d c.i.f. and e. Advices from that quarter state that the prolonged drought has broken up; but the rain, though badly needed, came in opportunely. Many of the crops were caught in the stock and in process of stacking, so that considerabe damage was done. From Christchurch, on the 17th instant, Messrs. Kaye and Carter write:—

Wheat.—We have seen a fair number of samples, and the quality has been uniformly good and condition excellent. In another 10 days or so offerings of the new grain will be plentiful, and prices probably more settled than is the case at present. Buyers and sellers are not much in accord so far, and the uncertainty prevailing as to the fate of the unharvested portion tends to deter sellers from operating pending definite returns of the total yield. Quotations:—Wheat: Best Tuscan, 4s; Pearl, 4s 2d; Hunters, 3s 10d to 4s. Flour: Roller, £11 5s to £11 10s. (Sacks in.)

The American visible supply, as cabled to-night, shows an increasing deficiency as compared with the same period of last year. Since the 1st January the deficit has increased from 25,100,000 bushels to 31,900,000 bushels. Appended are given *Bradstreet's* estimates of the American visible supply since the beginning of the year, as compared with that of the same period of last year (000 omitted):—

	Jan. 7. Bhl.	Jan. 14. Bhl.	Jan. 19. Bhl.	Jan 28. Bhl.
1896	98,400	98,420	98,900	98,500
1897	73,300	73,300	71,600	71,600
Dec.	25,105	25,120	27,300	26,900
	Feb. 2. Bhl.	Feb. 9. Bhl.	Feb. 16. Bhl.	Feb. 23. Bhl.
1896	97,600	96,700	96,500	95,400
1897	68,100	66,200	65,000	63,500
Dec.	29,500	30,500	31,500	31,900

It is therefore not to be surprised at that the American market has kept up in face of the decline in Mark Lane. The latter, indeed, is to a great extent due to a fall in freights.

The Lancing arrived last night with 4000 half-sacks of flour, 15,897 half-sacks of wheat, 1435 cases of salmon, and other cargo for Messrs. Davies and Fehon.

The St. Louis, from Lyttelton, brought 2325 sacks of flour and 750 sacks of wheat.

Early though it yet is, any indication as to a probable scarcity or abundance of wheat next season is of immense importance to Australian wheat-growers. Being in the Southern hemisphere, Australian grain comes to maturity close on six months later than on the other side of the line, where the greatest wheat-producing countries exist. The first official memorandum on the Indian wheat crop of 1897-98 has been issued. It states that in consequence of the drought the preparation of the land for wheat was interfered with except on irrigated land. Rains in November improved the condition of the standing crop, the prospects of which are now looked upon as good, although the usual winter rains are anxiously awaited. In the Punjaub the estimated area is 22 per cent. less than that of last year, in the north-west provinces and Oudh 30 per cent. less, in the Central provinces 1¾ million acres against an average of 4 millions, and in Bombay about one-half that of the previous seasons.

Messrs. Henry Harris and Co. report having sold 533 sacks Pillsbury's Minnesota flour (w.a.f.) at Redfern at £9 10s per ton.

Sugar.—About 20 tons of Queensland yellows moved off at £19, a parcel of off white at £20, and fair white at £20 10s.

Tea.—The market has of late been too amply supplied to admit of its taking three large catalogues in one day. However, fair clearances were made, practically the whole of the morning's offerings of China at the City Mart being cleared at brokers' valuations. The lower grades of pekoe souchongs, &c., were not wanted. Privately a little business transpired in Ceylons, 15 chests of orange pekoe selling at 8¼d; 23 chests of pekoe, 7d; 18 half-chests of orange pekoe, 8d; 27 chests of b. o. pekoe, 10d; and 32 chests b. pekoe, 10d.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. had a full attendance of the trade at the City Mart this morning, when they offered 1837 packages of Chinas and sold 1600. Vendors were prepared to sell, and this expedited matters. Prices realised, however, were fully up to brokers' valuations, although, perhaps, there was the usual divergency as compared with cost. For some lots the competition was really good. The result is appended:—

Chinas.—On account of Mr. R. T. Remington, 48 chests of Saryune, 4d; 542 quarter-chests of Panyong buds, 4d to 4½d; 840 half-chests of Panyongs, 4½d to 5½d; 89 Padraes, 3½d; and 130 boxes of Panyong, 4s to 5s.

Messrs. Alfred Harvey and Co. submitted 346 Ceylons, on account of Dalgety and Co., Limited, in the afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce Saleroom, and disposed of 296 at and after the auction. The catalogue comprised a general selection of all grades and sold from 5½d to 10½d. Bidding was brisk up to buyers' limits, which were a shade low, but sales were effected promptly afterwards at an advance on prices previously bid.

At Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co.'s auction fully one-half of the catalogue of Ceylon and Indian teas was placed under the hammer and subsequently at about brokers' valuations, but for the China teas, which consisted mostly of good common grades (besides fancy teas), biddings were not up to vendors' limits and they were consequently withdrawn. Holders of the better qualities, both of Indians and Ceylons, are evidently not disposed to sacrifice their teas under present conditions, for they cannot be replaced at current quotations. Ceylon pekoe souchongs realised 5½d; broken pekoes, 8½d to 10½d; Indian pekoe souchongs and pekoes, 6d to 6½d; and a small choice lot of orange flowery pekoe, 11½d per lb.

Groceries.—A fair distributing business was noted. Fish had considerable inquiry, some houses reporting that they had already sold more of these goods than is usual right through the Lenten season. The increased inquiry is attributed to lower costs. Two tons of ling sold on private terms, and 100 cases of Marshall's at 3½d. Salt salmon sold readily at 3¼d to 3½d for barrels and half-barrels respectively. Kippered herrings were scarce and firm. 200 boxes of D.R.O. candles changed hands at 5d; 80 cases Colman's packet starch, £25 per ton; 60 cases Lea and Perrins's half-pint sauce, 10s 10½d. Canned goods were very quiet owing to the large quantities of fresh fruit now being consumed. Arrowroot met with more demand. Grimes sold at 3½d, and a fair parcel of Queensland at £28 per ton. Keen's blue moved off at 6¼d in small lots. Stocks of Hoffmann's starch have been replenished, but were required.

Dried Fruits.—Currants remain at 3¼d to 3½d for good fruit, with a concession for inferior samples. Elemes ruled firm at 6¾d and sultanas at 5¾d. Dried and evaporated fruits met with but little inquiry.

Coffee (Stocks, Deliveries, &c.)—According to Messrs. Duuring and Zoon's figures European stocks during December increased 12,050 tons, and the world's visible supply 6040 tons. The deliveries in Europe during December were slightly larger than they were during the same period last year, viz., 37,280 tons against 31,850 tons, and the total for 12 months is 435,630 tons against 400,320 tons in 1895. In America the deliveries for the 12 months aggregate 267,882 tons against 260,881 tons in 1895.

Liquors.—The leading lines are still nominally without change, and business very quiet throughout. Tennent's ale, stout, and lager moved off well, shipments of the firstnamed description all going from the wharf as soon as the vessel arrives. Ind Coope's ale met with a steady inquiry, as also did Blood Wolfe stout. Sandeman's port sold in trade parcels. Robin's brandy had a seasonable inquiry, spirits generally being quiet.

Hardware.—Apart from the usual sales of Nos. 8 and 10 fencing wire at £8 7s 6d and £8 17s 6d, and barbed wire at £11 10s, there was not very much activity in this department. Netherton iron moved off at quotations. Orb G.C. iron sold at £15 15s for 26 gauge. Ten tons of 6in. S. and F. pipes moved off on private terms. Cement was rather scarce, the leading brands being especially so. 250 casks of Anchor sold at 9s 1½d net cash, ship's slings.

Jute.—Branbags were rather firmer at 3s 5½d ex store, and a slight concession ex Darius to arrive. Cornsacks remained nominally at 4s 2d. Woolpacks for early delivery are worth about 1s 5½d for 11½lb., fast ends, which were by no means plentiful. Regarding the jute market in India we learn that in consequence of great stringency for money, not only has the rupee price of jute been put down by forced realisations, but the effect has also been to hurry the crop out of the country, and entries for the first half of December reached the enormous total of 304,000 bales. Prices in sterling for native marks have also suffered, but the fall in values will probably be more apparent than real, as quality of late shipment will almost certainly prove to be inferior to extent of fall in values. Spot jute, although very difficult of sale, is firmly held, and good quality has not suffered any serious depreciation in value. The best informed express confidence in a great falling-off in supplies in the immediate future, and a reliable correspondent says only one-eighth of the crop was still to come forward. This is equal at most to 750,000 bales for Europe and India, and would confirm Government's original crop estimate. Figures show a great increase of consumption in Europe, and this increase will be still larger as the year goes on.

Kerosene.—Further small parcels of kerosene were placed to-day at 8¼d to 8½d in bond.

Chemicals.—Caustic soda, 70 per cent., sold at £11 ex store, and £10 10s to arrive. Bicarbonate soda rather scarce, £9 7s 6d; soda ash, £6 10s; and rosin, £6 10s, with but moderate sales.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £4871. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1886; wine, £35; ale, porter, and beer, £136; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1094; sugar and molasses, £30; opium, £48; dried and candied fruits, £40; candles, £20; oil, kerosene, £36; harbour and light rates, £52; pilotage, £54; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1017; excise on beer, £40. Total, £4871.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Tallow Market.—In the case of the finer descriptions of tallow prices were considerably lower at Wednesday's auction, at the Baltic Saleroom, London. Fine mutton declined 1s, fine beef 9d, and medium qualities 6d and 3d per cwt. respectively; nor was the total supply heavy. Actual quotations are as follow:—Fine mutton, 20s; ditto medium, 18s 9d; beef, fine, 18s 3d; ditto, medium, 17s 3d per cwt. Since the beginning of the year the quantities of tallow offered and sold, together with the prices of medium mutton and beef sorts, compare as follows:—

	Offered. Casks.	Sold. Casks.	Med. Mutton.	Med. Beef.
Jan. 6	2025	1200	19s 6d	18s 0d
Jan. 13	1650	350	19s 6d	17s 6d
Jan. 20	1250	172	19s 6d	17s 6d
Jan. 27	825	525	19s 6d	17s 6d
Feb. 3	2800	975	19s 6d	17s 6d
Feb. 10	1425	900	19s 6d	17s 6d
Feb. 17	1925	725	19s 3d	17s 6d
Feb. 24	1400	900	18s 9d	17s 3d

Compared with the prices current during the opening sale of previous years, those realised in January last stand very unfavourably.

	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897
Australian fine mutton	29 6	25 6	23 3	21 6
Australian fine beef	27 6	23	21	18 6

The stock held in London on the 1st January during the past three years has been:—1894, 17,944 casks; 1895, 43,778 casks; and 1896, 50,169 casks. Messrs. Culverwell, Brooks, and Co. state that the demand is at present not sufficiently active to make much impression on the stock, which must still be considered rather large—over 50,000 casks—but, should the Australasian shipments continue on the decline for the next few months, the present tendency to depression would no doubt be arrested. The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, report that they are in receipt of a message dated 24th instant, from their London office, as follows:—"Tallow: There is a rather better demand. Mutton tallow has declined 6d per cwt. since last report, and beef tallow 3d per cwt."

Leather.—From one of the leading reviews of the leather trade in London we learn that whilst there is reason to fear that the results of the year just closed are disappointing to many branches of the leather industry, the outlook for the present year can be considered more hopeful than at the commencement of 1896. The stocks of dear hides and leather which the boom of 1895 had left have been in great measure absorbed, and the present position of the trade in the States leads to the conclusion that leather from this source will reach the English market in greatly reduced quantities, so that consumers will naturally turn their attention more to leather of English manufacture. It is reasonable to expect that the leather trade generally will enjoy its full share of the national prosperity.

London Frozen Meat Market.—The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, reports the receipt of the following cable:—"Frozen meats: Mutton market better. Australian mutton: Merino, 2¼d per lb.; crossbred, 2¼d per lb. Australian lambs, 3¼d per lb. Beef market weaker; forequarters and hindquarters are worth 3¼d and 3¼d per lb. respectively."

Colonial Butter in England.—The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, reports the receipt of the following cable:—"Butter: Market lifeless. Fine qualities Australian range in value from 92s to 96s per cwt."

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 209 bales of wool were manifested, and 53 bales were received by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

WHEAT STATISTICS.

Bradstreet's estimate of the American visible supply of wheat is 63,500,000 bushels, against 65,000,000 bushels last week, and 95,400,000 bushels last year.

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 5¼d per ounce standard—a rise of 1-16d since last quotation.

BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY SHARES.

To-day's quotation for Broken Hill Proprietary shares on the Stock Exchange is £2 13s 9d, being an advance of 1s 3d since last quotation.

THE TALLOW MARKET.

At the weekly auction sales of Australasian tallow held to-day 1400 casks were offered, of which 900 were sold. Prices realised were as follow:—Mutton, fine, 20s; ditto, medium, 18s 9d; beef, fine, 18s 3d; ditto, medium, 17s 3d.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

There is absolutely nothing doing in the local wheat market, and values are only nominal, as follows:—Wheat, 5s 6d to 5s 7d; outports quotation, 5s 6d. Flour, £13 10s to £13 15s for ordinary, and £14 for best roller. Bran, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; pollard, 1s 3d, oats, dun, 2s 8d to 2s 9d.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

In Dunedin oats the demand has slackened. Prime milling, 1s 11½d to 2s 0½d; best feed, 1s 10½d to 1s 11½d; inferior to medium, 1s 6½d to 1s 9½d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day the transactions in investment stocks were of limited extent. No genuine improvement can be noted in the business done. The only novelty was a sale of City of Melbourne Bank deposit receipts at 2s 6d. Other sales were—Victorian Government 4 per cent. debentures, £116 10s; Board of Works 5 per cent., £110; Hawthorn 4 per cent., £105; National Bank D. R., 20s 4d; Commercial Bank preference, 72s, 73s; Colonial preference, 53s; National Bank ordinary, 36s, 35s; Victoria preference, £9 12s, £9 12s 6d; Deniliquin and Moama Railway, 80s; Silverton Tramway, 95s; Broken Hill Water Supply, 17s; Mutual Store, 31s; Squatting Investment, 13s; National Bank preference (small lot), £10 1s; West Australian Water, 2s 3d.

Wheat is quoted nominally at 5s 8d to 5s 9d. Bran continues in speculative demand at 8d, delivered. Other grain are dull. Chaff, £3; extra green, £3 2s 6d to £3 5s. Prime potatoes, 50s. Onions are firmer at £5 15s to £6. 100 tons Mauritius white sugar sold. Sales of tea were—250 packages Ceylon at 5½d to 10½d, and 70 half-chests common congou. Ling, 4½d. Branbags, 3s 5d to 3s 5½d. 600 casks cement sold for export.

PRODUCE INWARD.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Tyrian sailed yesterday for Sydney with 2500 bags chaff, 1490 cases fruit, 50 bags malt, 390 bags onions, 13 bales straw, 925 cases tea, 20 sacks oatmeal, 7 sacks seed, 12 boxes apricots, 10 sacks salt, 117 cases apples, 16 bales hops, 100 cases lemons.

DAIRYING NEWS.

BALLINA, Thursday.

The Brooklet Dairy Company, for the month ended 30th January treated 46,216 gallons of milk for 17,425lb. butter. Suppliers were paid 2½d per gallon for milk.

The Woodburn Dairy Company, for the month ended 23rd January treated 35,538 gallons of milk for 14,210lb. butter. Suppliers were paid 2½d per gallon for milk.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Sale Butter Company a report from the Government Dairy Expert stated that owing to the large supply of milk and cream received it was absolutely necessary to increase the refrigerating power. The manager at the factory endorsed the expert's opinion, and gave the result of an experiment of great interest to dairy men generally as showing the necessity for churning in less temperature. He took one supply of cream separated at the factory and separated it into two lots of 80lb. each. One lot he churned at a temperature of 76 degrees and the other at 60, otherwise they were churned under exactly similar conditions. The 80lb. of cream at 76 degrees produced 30lb. of butter, whilst the 80lb. at 60 degrees returned 41½lb. The meeting decided to try and float another 1000 shares in the colony to get the necessary machinery.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.

The anual meeting of shareholders in the Hawkesbury Dairy and Butter Factory was held on Wednesday afternoon, when the balance-sheet disclosed the fact that the profits amounted to £210 2s 1d, out of which the directors recommended the payment of a dividend of 4 per cent. and the clearing off of the balance of a loan (£100). During the year 176,801 gallons of milk were purchased, at a cost of £2280 1s 11d, at prices varying from 2½d to 4½d. The amount of butter made was 69,467lb., which was sold at prices ranging from 8d to 1s per lb. Messrs. Marden and S. T. Greenwell spoke of the success which the company had achieved. Messrs. J. T. Gosper, S. Cox, B. Conlon, and G. Dickson were elected directors; and Messrs. J. J. Paine and J. J. Fitzpatrick auditors.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—THURSDAY.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Business in the produce trade to-day was rather quiet, the only change in values being a rise in lucerne and oaten hay. The market for potatoes had a hardening tendency. At auction the demand was brisk, and prices may be quoted a trifle firmer. On the wharfs, however, inquiry was less firm. No lucerne arrived from the Hunter this morning. Prime green samples met with an improved sale at an advance of 2s 6d per ton. Oaten hay sold readily at auction at higher prices. Onions were in demand at quotations. A fair sale can be reported for good chaff at late current rates. In dairy lines nothing of importance came under notice business being rather quiet.

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

The following are the quotations:—

Maize.—Prime river, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; weevily, 1s 2d to 1s 6d; new river, 1s 9d to 1s 10d; inland, prime 2s per bushel.

Oats.—Seed oats, 2s 6d; New Zealand prime feed, 2s 3d; medium, 2s to 2s 2d; local, 1s 11d to 2s 1d per bushel.

Barley.—Local Cape, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; imported Cape barley, prime seed, 2s 9d to 3s per bushel.

Peas.—Prime blue, 4s; grey, 3s 6d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 3s to 3s 6d; screenings, 2s 6d to 2s 9d per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

The Associated Millers' minimum price for new patent city roller is £12 10s; old, £13 per ton; Californian Starr's mills, £11 5s to £11 10s; Manitoba, £13 on spot, and £12 17s 6d to arrive; Walla Walla, £11 10s to £12; local wheat is worth about 4s 8d to 4s 8½d f.o.b. per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

The current quotations were:—

Chaff.—Imported prime, green, £4 7s; ordinary prime, £3 10s to £4. Local: Ordinary prime, £4 to £4 5s; prime green, £4 10s to £4 15s; good medium, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton.

Straw.—Local derrick-pressed £1 15s to £2 5s 6d; imported, £2 5s; local bundled, £1 17s 6d to £2 per ton.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles: Prime, £4 to £4 10s; medium, £3 5s to £3 10s per ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime green, £2 2s 6d to £2 5s; medium qualities, £1 15s to £2. Railway: Prime in small bales, to £3; prime trusses, £2 10s; medium, £1 10s to £2; prime in large bales, £2 5s; good medium, £2 per ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran and pollard were in moderate request. Bran was quoted at 7d, and pollard at 7½d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Plentiful. Tasmanian Circulars, prime £2 15s. Local: Brownells, prime, £1 5s to £1 10s; Early Rose, £1. Railway: Brownells, Windsor prime, £1 10s to £2 5s; Bowral prime, £2 10s to £2 17s 6d per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful, with slow sale. Garden honey, 2d to 2½d per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s to 1s 1d per lb.

Onions.—Melbourne, prime, £6 10s per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4d; bulk, 3½d per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

To-day's closing quotations were:—

Butter.—Good supply. Fair demand. Finest creamery, 7d; factory, 6d to 6½d; dairy, 5½d; pastry, 3d to 5d; Berrima Co. quote finest creamery, 7d; factory, 6½d. South Coast and West Camden quote best creamery, 7d; factory, 6½d; Berry creamery, 7d; Laurel and Waratah creamery, 7d per lb.

Eggs.—Good supply. Moderate sale. Northern, 9d to 10d; Southern, 11d; choice, 12d per dozen.

Cheese.—Plentiful. Prime loaf, 2½d to 3½d; large 2½d to 3d; Cheddar, 3d to 3½d per lb.

Bacon and Hams.—Fair stocks. Moderate demand. Handcured, prime, 5½d to 6d; second class, 5d; farmers' lots, 3½d to 4d; choice brands, 4½d; local hams, 6d to 6½d; in cloth, 7½d to 8d; New Zealand and Queensland, choice, 9d; English, 10d per lb.

Poultry.—Plentiful. Fowls, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; prime, 3s to 3s 3d; ducks, 2s to 2s 6d; choice, 3s; Muscovy ducks, prime, 4s; geese, 3s 6d; choice, 4s to 4s 6d; turkeys, cocks 7s to 10s, hens 4s to 4s 6d per pair.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Fair supply. Moderate demand. Firewood, good, 8s 6d to 10s 6d; inferior, 6s to 7s; bundles, good, 9s to 10s 6d; inferior, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; billet, good, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; inferior, 6s 6d to 7s; bakers' split, good, 8s 6d to 9s; inferior, 7s to 7s 6d; large, dry, 7s to 7s 6d; inferior, 6s to 6s 6d per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern Railway Terminus Produce Market this morning a plentiful supply of produce was submitted at auction. The demand continued somewhat slow, but nevertheless a fair volume of business was transacted. Prices realised for oaten hay and potatoes were firmer, other lines underwent no quotable change. Prime green chaff brought 4s 6d; ordinary prime, 4s to 4s 3d; and medium, 3s 3d to 3s 7d per cwt. Prime rack oaten hay found a buyer at 4s 6d; medium at 3s 6d; and inferior at 2s 7d. Oaten sheaves and tussock grass were neglected. Lucerne hay met with improved sale. Prime, in large bales, fetched 2s 3d to 2s 4d; and fairly prime, in trusses and small bales, 2s 5d to 2s 7d per cwt. Pollard commanded attention at 7½d per bushel. Bundled straw sold at 2s, and fair quality derrick-pressed, at 1s 7d per cwt. Good chickwheat made 3s 2½d, and inferior from 2s 4d per bushel upward. The inquiry for potatoes was good. Best available were knocked down at 2s 8d per cwt. Water-melons realised 2s 6d, and pumpkins 2s to 4s 10d per dozen, according to size and quality.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sales:—Chaff, 32 trucks; lucerne, 6; oaten hay, 3; oaten sheaves, 2; pumpkins, 1; melons, 1; potatoes, 3; oats, 2; straw, bundled 2, derrick-pressed 2; pollard, 1; chickwheat, 2; and tussock grass, 1.

The number of trucks manifested this morning was 67, being apportioned as follows:—Chaff, 30; hay, 9; potatoes, 5; flour, 10; pollard, 1; straw, 6; wheat, 2; bran, 1; and pumpkins, 3.

Among the consignees were Messrs. Robert Robinson, Grimes, and Co., South Coast Company, Heaton Brothers, John Campbell, John Bridge and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., Inglis and Son, Benjamin and Son, Ellis and Co., Gent and Perry, G. Wells, H. Prescott and Co., Robert Little and Co., Hill, Clark, and Co., and J. W. Gray and Co.

The above supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From M'Intyre, Bomen, (trucks Nos. 2405 and 3949) 3s 2d, 3s 3d; Forsyth, Banloora, (3979) 3s 4d, (8802) 3s 7d; Muller, Marrar, (1832) 4s 6d and 3s 11d; Stone, Wimbledon, (1964) 3s 3d; Veitch, Coolamon, (3231) 3s 10d; F. Hall, (3194, 4673, and 3063) passed; C. H. Brunskill, Wagga, (4316) passed, (2619) 4s 1d, (6085) 4s 1d; Hamilton, Harefield, (257, 9230) 3s 5d; J. J. M'Nickle, (3634) 3s 2d, (3597) 3s 4d; Mooney, Uranquinty, (3036) passed; A. Brunskill, Wagga, (913 and 8609) passed; G. Halbisch, Ganmain, (6998 and 4616) 3s 3d; Roach, Yanco, (1384) passed; Murray, Brewongle, (8490) 2s 6d and 3s 1d; Hawke, Maryvale, (8290) passed; Warren, Dubbo, (3554) 3s 2d; Watterson, Narromine, (4612 and 8088) passed; Barr and Webb, (264) 3s 3d; Corby, Wallendbeen, (3276) 3s 6d; Lupton, Narrandera, (8037) 3s 3d per cwt.

Tussock Grass.—From Griffiths, Rydal, (2231) passed.

Hay.—From Hines, Nubba, (902) 2s 7d; Chapman, Marulan, (6007) 3s 6d; and Saunders, Kelso, (4487) 4s 6d per cwt.

Sheaves.—From Beecroft, Windsor, (3827) passed; Geehan, (3173) passed.

Lucerne.—From Cousins and Duff, Newringha, (5806) 2s 4d; Morror, Tamworth, (6111) passed, (3075) 2s 3d; Standen, Morpeth, (3898) 2s 6d; M'Ewan and Cox, Mudgee, (5734) 2s 7d; Stubbs, Mulgrave, (3779) 2s 5d, and sheaves 2s 4d per cwt.

Pollard.—From Cohen and Levy, Newcastle, (782) 7½d; M'Gee and Quinn, Parkes, (3927) part 7½d per bushel, balance passed.

Straw.—Bundled: From Shumack, Dubbo, (9483) 2s, (1684) passed. Derrick-pressed: From M'Grath, Galong, (4704) 1s 7d, (5312) 1s 7d per cwt.

Wheat.—From Thomson, Cootamundra, (6906) 2s 8½d, 2s 4d; Tunney, Monteagle, (5542) 3s 2½d per bushel.

Oats.—From Duntroon Estate, Queanbeyan, (2129) passed; Mendham, Newbridge, (71) passed.

Potatoes.—From Bowral, (1276) 20 bags branded TM 2s 8d, 33 JW 2s 8d; Emu Plains, (3884) 15 DU 1s 10d; Nowra, (3569) 20 ZH 1s 11d; Mulgrave, (X 605) 16 WIL 1s 4d; Windsor, (528) 16 PN 1s 2d, 14 HC passed, 14 BC passed, 20 IA 2s 4d per cwt.

Watermelons.—From Devlin, Richmond, (2294) 2s 6d per dozen.

Pumpkins.—From Hall and M'Grath, Mulgrave, (X205) 4s 10d; Beecroft, Penrith, (5017) 2s per dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Business in the fruit trade at the various metropolitan markets this morning was extremely quiet. Only choice fruit commanded attention. Movements in prices were few, and of little importance.

Current quotations are:—

Bananas.—Queensland, 6d to 1s; good 1s 3d to 1s 6d; New Hebrides, 6d to 2s 6d, choice 3s per bunch.

Oranges.—Italian: 8s 6d to 9s per case of 130 oranges, 13s to 14s per case of 250 oranges. Local: Rough, 4s to 5s; medium pulled oranges, 6s; prime, 8s per gincase.

Peaches.—Small, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; good medium, 4s to 5s per gincase; choice, 6s to 7s per gincase; choice, 3s 6d to 5s per half-case.

Plums.—Pond's Seedling, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; other varieties, 1s 6d to 2s; Damsons, 1s to 2s per quarter-case.

Cocoanuts.—Plentiful, 8s per bag.

Lemons.—Green 4s to 5s, coloured 6s to 7s per gincase; Italian, 13s to 14s per case, 7s to 7s 6d per half-case.

Nectarines.—4s to 6s per gincase; medium, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; choice, 4s to 6s per half-case.

Passionfruit.—Medium, 4s; choice 5s to 6s, inferior 2s to 3s per gincase; choice, 2s 6d to 3s per half-case.

Apples.—Local: Choice 4s 6d to 5s, small 1s 6d to 2s 6d, good 3s to 4s; jam, 9d to 1s; cooking, good 3s to 4s; choice, 5s per gincase. Hobart, 3s to 4s 6d per gincase.

Tomatoes.—European, 1s; choice, 1s 6d to 2s per half-case; green, 2s to 3s per gincase.

Pines.—Choice, 3s 3d to 4s; Queens, 6s to 7s per case.

Grapes.—White sherry, 1d to 1½d, choice 2d; Black Hamburg, 1¼d to 1½d, choice 1¾d to 2d; black muscatels, 1½d to 2d, choice 2½d to 3d, white choice 3d; others 1d to 2½d; Black Prince, 1½d to 2d per lb.; Adelaide grapes, 4s to 5s, inferior 2s to 3s 6d per case.

Pears.—Melbourne Williams, medium 4s, prime 5s to 6s; Adelaide bergamot, 4s to 5s 6d per case. Local: Cooking, 2s to 3s; dessert, 2s 6d to 4s; choice, to 6s per gincase.

Watermelons.—2s 6d to 5s; choice lots, 6s per dozen.

Walnuts.—Green, 5s to 6s per case.

Rockmelons.—2s 6d to 4s per gin case.

Quinces.—2s to 3s per gincase.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

The Belmore Markets were poorly supplied with vegetables this morning, the continued dry weather causing supplies to fall off considerably. As a result, prices hardened. The demand to-day was active at improved prices.

Quotations were as under:—Cabbages 1s to 2s, good 2s 6d to 3s, choice Moss Vale cabbages 3s 6d to 5s 6d; carrots, 9d to 10d; white turnips, 1s to 1s 3d; lettuce, 4d to 6d; radishes, 6d to 8d; herbs, 1s; mint, 1s; eschalots, 1s; leeks, 1s; parsley, 9d to 1s per dozen bunches; celery, 1s 6d; prime table, choice 2s to 2s 6d; horse-radish, 6s to 9s; asparagus, 6s to 8s; beetroot, 1s; parsnips, 9d to 1s dozen bunches; peas, 4s to 5s per bushel; watercress, 1s to 1s 6d per dozen bunches; spinach, 9d to 1s per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 1s to 1s 6d per dozen bunches; kidney potatoes 1s 3d, Early Rose 1s per quarter; French beans, 2s 9d to 3s 3d per bushel; vegetable marrows, 1s 6d to 2s per dozen; tomatoes, European 1s 3d to 2s per half-case, Chinese 8d to 1s per quarter-case; cucumbers, 9d to 1s 3d per dozen; pumpkins, 3s to 6s per dozen; golden butter beans, 2s 6d per bushel.

FAT STOCK SALES.

THE HOMEBUSH YARDS.

Sheep.—56,329 yarded, consisting mostly of good trade quality. The supply, however, was more than sufficient for requirements, and competition dull, the sales dragging on until after 5 o'clock. There was a good attendance of trade and export buyers, including the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, who bought freely, but were unable to sustain values, which receded to a low level. Lambs were plentiful, and prices again very low. Prime crossbred wethers sold to 8s 10d, good crossbred wethers from 6s 6d to 7s 6d, prime crossbred ewes to 7s 9d, good crossbred ewes from 6s to 7s, prime merino wethers to 7s 10d, good merino wethers from 6s to 7s, medium merino wethers from 4s 6d to 5s 6d, prime merino ewes to 7s 3d, good merino ewes from 5s to 6s, medium merino ewes from 4s, prime lambs sold to 6s 7d, good lambs from 4s 6d to 5s 6d, medium lambs from 3s 6d.

Cattle.—1172 yarded, comprising about 500 from the West, 370 from North, and 300 from the South. The number was far in excess of the usual Thursday's supply, and consisted chiefly of only fair to good quality, and proved much in excess of requirements, and prices were decidedly lower throughout. Prime yards of bullocks sold to £5 19s, good yards of bullocks from £3 to £4 10s, best yards of cows to £3 4s, medium yards of cows from £2 10s, inferior yards of cows from £1 16s.

Messrs. H. M. Suttor and Co.—397 wethers for Suttor and Co. at 5s 1d to 5s 3d, 106 ewes at 5s, 102 crossbred wethers for N. L. Suttor at 5s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—50 wethers for Thos. Cook at 7s 7d to 7s 9d, 1986 at 7s 3d to 7s 4d; 1 wether (wool) for H. N. Budden at 8s, 50 at 6s 9d to 6s 10d, 549 at 6s 6d; 1 wether for John Rudd at 9s 3d, 495 at 6s 9d to 6s 5d, 1 ewe at 6s; 17 crossbred wethers for W. Keetch at 7s 6d, 74 wethers at 5s 7d to 5s 9d; 2237 wethers for J. and M. Christian and Co. at 6s 1d to 6s 7d, 1 crossbred wether for F. S. Chester at 8s, 14 wethers at 6s 1d, 48 ewes at 5s; 17 crossbred ewes for H. V. Webb at 6s 11d, 250 ewes at 6s, 28 (seconds) at 5s 6d, 400 wethers at 5s 2d to 5s 6d; 13 crossbred wethers for A. Luson at 5s 8d, 40 wethers at 4s 5d; 1 stag for G. Granger at 6s 6d, 70 wethers at 5s 5d, 40 ewes at 4s 10d; 103 wethers for T. Foley at 5s 10d to 5s 11d, 50 wethers for F. H. Osborne at 5s 7d to 5s 11d, 888 at 5s 6d; 130 wethers for A. Brassey at 5s 6d; 30 wethers for E. C. M'Alister at 5s 7d to 5s 11d, 301 at 5s 3d, 74 wethers and ewes mixed at 5s 5d; 30 wethers and ewes for Mrs. Besnard at 5s 3d; 725 wethers for C. K. Chisholm at 5s to 5s 1d; 13 ewes for Western agents at 4s 9d; 440 ewes for P. Boyton at 4s 4d to 4s 6d; 4 crossbred lambs for H. U. Webb at 5s 11d, 87 at 5s 4d, 76 merino lambs at 4s 5d to 4s 9d; 9 crossbred lambs for W. Keetch at 5s 10d; 19 merino lambs for Mrs. Besnard at 4s 11d; 55 crossbred lambs for A. Brassey at 4s 4d; 47 crossbred lambs for A. Leeson at 4s 9d, 103 seconds at 3s 6d; 34 lambs for F. S. Chester at 4s 1d to 4s 4d; 50 lambs for Western agents at 3s 9d, 53 ram lambs at 3s 6d, 14 lambs (culls) at 2s 8d; 52 bullocks for R. N. Fitzgerald to £5 19s, averaging £5 9s 1d; 10 bullocks for H. Munro averaging £4 11s; 36 bullocks for Thomas Britton to £5, averaging £4 9s 4d; 48 bullocks for A. A. Company to £4 10s, averaging £4 3s 4d; 14 bullocks for Northern agents to £4 1s, averaging £3 18s 6d; 60 bullocks for E. Vickery and Sons to £4, averaging £3 13s; 70 bullocks for F. H. Osborne to £4 2s, averaging £3 12s 8d, 33 cows to £2 10s, averaging £2 2s 1d; 10 bullocks for C. R. Chisholm averaging £2 19s; 20 cows for J. W. Hillas to £3 4s, averaging £2 17s 6d; 36 heifers for F. W. Hume to £2 19s, averaging £2 12s 11d.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry.—400 wethers for T. H. Wallis from 6s 6d to 6s 7d; 445 ewes for Hamilton Osborne at 5s 6d, 55 lambs at 4s 5d to 4s 8d, 10 at 4s; 31 lambs for T. Gardiner at 3s 11d, 18 at 4s 6d; 40 crossbred wethers for Keepit station at 8s 9d, 3 crossbred rams at 6s 7d, 69 crossbred wethers at 6s 11d, 71 crossbred ewes at 7s 11d, 227 ewes at 7s 4d; 97 wethers for T. Doulan at 5s 6d; 55 cows for Edward White up to £3 5s, averaging £2 19s.

Messrs. Henderson Brothers.—194 wethers for G. H. Hibden at 6s 4d to 6s 5d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—1 bullock for D. Mackenzie at £5 17s, 20 cows to £2 11s, averaging £2 8s 4d; 10 bullocks for J. Carey at £4 11s; 44 bullocks for B. M Osborne to £4 17s, averaging £4 13s, 5 at £3 9s; 50 bullocks for Gardiner estate to £4 15s, averaging £4 8s 7d; 20 bullocks for G. S. Waller to £4 5s, averaging £4 1s; 20 bullocks for F. and G. Strickland to £3 11s, averaging £3 8s 3d; 12 cows for J. Tunney at £2 16s; 43 crossbred wethers for J. Links at 6s 3d to 8s 5d, 20 crossbred ewes at 7s 9d, 19 wethers at 6s 8d, 6 ewes at 5s 7d; 53 ewes for A. G. Keith at 7s 2d, 24 at 5s 6d, 185 wethers at 6s 0d to 6s 10d, 48 stags at 6s 5d; 19 crossbred wethers for J. Robinson at 7s, 80 crossbred ewes at 7s, 26 at 5s 9d, 464 ewes at 6s; 477 wethers for S. Donaldson at 6s 5d to 6s 8d, 93 at 5s; 300 wether for Western agents at 6s 6d; 605 wethers for R. D. Chapman at 6s to 6s 8d; 298 wethers for Springfield station at 6s to 6s 1d; 1 ram for G. and F. Guy at 6s 1d, 20 ewes at 4s 2d; 43 wethers for G. Broadhead at 5s 8d, 24 ewes at 4s 7d; 293 wethers for J. Cheney, jun., at 5s 4d to 5s 7d, 326 ewes at 5s 1d; 3 stags for Morrice Brothers at 5s, 387 wethers at 5s 2d to 5s 4d, 1 (crippled) at 3s, 17 ewes at 4s 7d; 107 wethers for M'Evoy Brothers at 5s 2d; 618 ewes for W. W. Morris at 4s 6d to 5s 2d; 16 wethers for J. Jobson at 5s, 268 ewes at 4s 5d; 102 wethers for H. Turner at 4s 3d to 4s 6d; 30 lambs for J. Thomson at 4s 10d to 5s 8d; 34 lambs for G. Broadhead at 5s 1d; 7 lambs for J. Cheney, jun., at 4s 7d; 352 lambs for J. Jobson at 3s 11d to 4s 3d; 100 lambs for J. Robinson at 3s 9d to 3s 10d; 110 lambs for G. and F. Guy at 3s 5d to 3s 7d; 11 lambs for W. W. Morris at 3s.

ROBERT LITTLE AND CO.—Hay, Chaff, and Produce Auctions at Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—[ADVT.]

THE SOUTH COAST and WEST CAMDEN CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, Limited, Sussex and Liverpool streets, Sydney. Manufacturers Choicest Creamery Butter, Live Stock and Produce Auctioneers. Sales daily at Redfern; City Live Stock Yards, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. Warehouse, 343-345 Sussex-street.—[ADVT.]

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co.—41 crossbred wethers for T. Foster at 8s 10d, 58 crossbred ewes at 7s 8d, 2 rams at 6s 6d, 5 wethers at 7s, 14 ewes at 5s 8d; 180 crossbred ewes for W. L. King at 7s 7d, 41 crossbred wethers at 7s 5d, 136 crossbred ewes at 6s 6d, 62 merino ewes at 5s 10d; 1187 merino wethers for Southern agents at 6s 11d to 7s 10d, 202 merino ewes at 5s 10d; 483 merino wethers for J. W. Roche at 6s 7d; 252 merino wethers for J. Roche at 6s 1d; 470 merino wethers for Joseph Green at 6s 2d, 64 (seconds) at 5s 6d, 470 merino ewes at 5s 10d to 5s 11d, 20 merino stags at 5s 2d, 122 crossbreds at 6s 10d; 747 merino wethers for James Rutherford at 5s 7d to 5s 11d, 249 (seconds) at 4s 11d; 263 merino wethers for Northern agents at 5s 4d, 130 (seconds) at 4s 5d; 216 merino wethers for A. S. Burcher at 5s 6d; 50 crossbreds for J. F. M'Culloch at 7s 4d, 70 at 5s 10d; 42 crossbreds for B. Crowe at 7s 7d, 258 merino wethers at 5s 11d; 92 crossbred ewes for C. B. Ward at 6s 9d; 10 crossbreds for estate R. Glasson at 6s, 138 merino wethers at 5s 6d, 47 merino ewes at 5s 1d; 108 merino ewes and wethers for A. S. Chisholm at 4s 11d; 49 merino ewes for J. P. Moore at 5s 1d, 38 merino wethers at 4s 11d; 108 merino wethers for D. M'Donald at 5s 11d; 319 merino wethers for Glennan Brothers at 5s 3d to 5s 5d; 813 merino wethers for W. Cummings at 5s 4d to 5s 5d; 34 crossbreds for C. B. Middleton at 5s 10d, 63 merino wethers at 4s 9d; 38 merino ewes for N. Graham at 6s 4d; 210 merino ewes for J. W. Buchanan at 5s 3d, 20 merino wethers at 5s; 105 merino wethers for G. Maynard, jun., at 4s 7d; 93 merino wethers for G. Marmont at 4s, 100 merino ewes at 4s; 85 merino wethers for G. Maynard, sen., at 5s 3d to 5s 5d, 86 merino ewes at 5s; 200 merino wethers for W. Jardine at 4s 9d to 4s 11d; 72 lambs for N. Graham at 6s 1d to 6s 7d, 1 hogget at 6s; 51 lambs for T. Foster at 5s 9d, 10 at 3s 10d; 18 lambs and hoggets for J. P. Moore at 3s 11d; 120 lambs for A. S. Chisholm at 3s 5d to 3s 7d; 18 lambs for estate R. Glasson at 4s 5d; 117 crossbred lambs for J. F. M'Culloch at 4s 4d to 4s 6d, 101 at 3s 5d to 3s 8d; 49 lambs for G. Maynard at 3s 6d; 10 bullocks for G. F. Mills at £4 11s; 9 bullocks for estate R. Glasson at £4 7s; 16 bullocks for J. Mitchell and Sons to £3 14s, averaging £3 11s 6d, 14 cows to £3 8s, averaging £3 5s 5d; 20 bullocks for W. Bartlett to £4 17s, averaging £3 11s; 8 bullocks for A. E. Smith to £4 10s, averaging £3 10s 2d, 4 cows to £2 8s, averaging £2 7s, 1 calf at 15s; 60 bullocks for W. Smith to £3 19s, averaging £3 9s 2d; 4 bullocks for H. T. Peard and Sons at £3 5s, 7 cows at £1 5s; 43 bullocks for Northern agents to £3 8s, averaging £3 1s 6d, 46 cows to £3 3s, averaging £2 14s 2d; 10 bullocks for G. J. Morrice to £3 15s, averaging £3 15s 4d; 17 bullocks for R. Hennessy to £3 5s, averaging £2 18s 5d; 15 bullocks for R. Ridge jun., to £3 4s, averaging £2 14s 7d, 17 cows to £2 10s, averaging £2 1s; 14 cows for George Hayne at £2 4s.

Messrs. Warden Harry Graves and Son.—51 crossbred wethers for D. Cameron at 8s 6d, 166 at 7s 6d, 65 comeback wethers at 7s 6d, 78 crossbred ewes at 6s 10d; 1610 crossbred ewes for D. Munro at 7s 9d, 156 crossbred lambs at 5s 1d to 5s 2d; 92 wethers for J. R. Horne at 7s 6d to 7s 7d, 667 ewes at 7s 2d to 7s 3d, 250 wethers at 6s 7d to 6s 8d; 45 crossbred wethers for exors. H. Webster at 7s 4d, 75 crossbred ewes at 6s 10d, 362 merino wethers at 6s 2d, 226 at 5s 2d to 5s 4d, 244 merino ewes at 5s 1d to 5s 8d, 6 black ewes (double fleece) at 5s 10d, 41 crossbred lambs at 5s, 52 lambs at 3s; 256 crossbred ewes for R. Guest at 6s, 252 merino ewes at 4s 2d to 4s 3d; 248 wethers for J. Perry at 6s 10d; 249 wethers for J. M. Simpson at 6s 10d, 473 at 6s 1d; 134 wethers for W. G. Taylor at 6s 1d to 6s 2d, 1809 ewes at 5s 11d to 6s 3d, 138 at 4s to 4s 5d; 971 ewes for executors J. Reid at 6s 2d; 482 wethers for Mrs. M. E. Perry at 5s 9d to 5s 10d; 52 wethers for Brown Brothers at 5s 6d 467 ewes at 5s 4d to 5s 8d 2 (crossbred) at 6s 6d; 756 ewes for James Ewan at 5s 3d to 5s 6d, 280 crossbred lambs at 4s 4d to 4s 6d; 326 ewes for James Bolger at 5s 6d; 107 wethers for H. T. Beresford at 5s 2d to 5s 4d; 500 wethers for W. J. Denmead at 4s 11d to 5s 3d; 1006 wethers for Thomas Doyle at 4s 11d to 5s 1d; 250 wethers for James Ewan at 5s, 280 crossbred lambs at 4s 4d to 4s 6d; 135 wethers for Southern agents, 63 ewes, 11 crossbred wethers, 8 crossbred ewes.

Messrs. Joseph Leeds and Co.—1 crossbred ewe for P. Murray at 8s, 25 crossbred wethers at 6s 1d, 80 crossbred ewes at 5s 9d, 86 wethers at 4s 7d, 117 ewes at 4s; 127 crossbred wethers for W. B. Terry at 7s 2d, 198 wethers at 6s 8d, 115 crossbred ewes at 6s 6d, 957 wethers at 5s 9d, 437 ewes at 5s 7d, 18 at 4s 9d; 2 wethers for Namoi Pastoral Company, Limited, at 7s, 951 ewes at 6s to 6s 1d; 1196 wethers for D. M'Master at 6s 6d to 6s 9d; 1056 ewes for J. M. Allison at 5s 9d to 6s 3d; 202 wethers for Cobb and Co. at 6s 3d to 6s 6d; 130 wethers for Western agents at 6s; 90 wethers for T. B. Webb at 6s 6d; 11 wethers for T. A. Webb at 5s 6d, 51 ewes at 4s 4d; 156 ewes for Western agents at 4s 9d, 46 wethers at 4s 6d; 11 lambs for T. A. Webb at 5s 6d, 45 at 4s 5d to 4s 8d; 5 lambs for P. Murray at 4s 8d; 117 lambs for T. B. Webb at 3s 6d to 3s 11d; 42 (suckers) for J. A. Barrett at 3s 3d to 3s 5d, 98 lambs (suckers) at 2s 7d; 54 bullocks for W. A. Gardiner to £4 11s, averaging £4 3s 7d; 29 bullocks for J. Grant to £4, averaging £3 19s 1d, 8 cows to £2 14s, averaging £2 7s 3d; 44 cows for Western agents to £3 6s, averaging £2 10s 7d.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—56 bullocks for H. Everingham to £4 10s, averaging £4 2s 6d; 30 bullocks for J. Keys to £4, averaging £3 14s 9d; 11 steers for J. W. Browne at £2 10s, 1 cow at £2 12s; 9 ewes for H. E. Herring at 6s 6d, 19 at 4s 3d, 50 wethers at 4s 2d; 4 wethers for N. P. Campbell at 6s, 400 at 5s to 5s 3d, 108 ewes at 5s; 13 crossbred ewes for W. Ferguson at 5s 7d, 265 merino ewes at 5s 1d, 30 wethers at 4s 9d; 152 wethers for Southern agents at 5s, 60 ewes at 3s 11d; 100 wethers for E. C. Bloomfield at 4s 9d to 4s 10d; 210 ewes for S. Perrett at 4s 6d; 10 lambs for H. E. Herring at 4s 4d, 18 at 3s 4d.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers.—386 crossbred wethers for L. F. Iredale at 7s 6d, 453 crossbred ewes at 6s 9d; 166 wethers for Drummond Brothers at 6s 2d, 10 black wethers at 5s, 263 ewes at 5s 7d; 115 crossbred wethers for W. Lawson at 7s, 8 (culls) at 5s 1d, 7 crossbred ewes at 6s 1d, 21 merino wethers at 6s, 3 merino ewes at 4s 6d; 82 two-tooth crossbred wethers for George Bruce at 6s 4d, 184 merino wethers at 5s 6d; 40s merino wethers for East Wheeo Station at 5s 6d to 6s; 883 merino wethers for E. W. Donnelly and Co. at 5s 11d to 6s 2d, 114 (seconds) at 5s; 153 ewes for A. E. Fuller at 6s 2d; 100 wethers for A. E. Middleton at 5s; 194 ewes for A. C. Dempster at 4s 6d; 161 wethers for Kirkland Brothers at 6s 3d, 2 stags at 6s 6d, 32 crossbred wethers at 7s 9d; 60 wethers for G. Golding at 5s 10d, 35 ewes at 5s 3d; 30 wethers for Corcoran Brothers at 4s 8d, 84 ewes at 4s 8d; 320 wethers for H. S. M. Betts at 5s 6d, 65 ewes at 4s 11d; 125 crossbred hoggets for Hon. R. H. Roberts at 5s 4d, 100 merino hoggets at 5s 6d to 5s 8d; 229 ewes for T. Roche at 4s 6d to 4s 8d; 100 wethers for J. Heylin at 5s 1d; 38 ewes for H. J. Vincent at 4s 6d; 21 ewes for J. Glasson at 4s 5d; 213 ewes for J. Ryan at 2s 11d to 3s 1d; 38 ewes for A. M'Kenzie at 2s 8d; 17 lambs for W. Mutton at 6s 6d, 12 (seconds) at 5s 4d; 88 lambs for A. N. Wilson at 5s, 31 (seconds) at 2s 7d; 55 crossbred lambs for A. Bell at 5s 4d; 85 lambs for H. J. M'Cauley at 4s, 20 (seconds) at 3s 3s. 114 lambs for Mrs. R. Glasson at 3s 11d; 36 lambs for H. S. M. Betts at 5s 2d to 5s 5d, 84 (seconds) at 3s 4d to 3s 7d; 60 lambs for A. M'Kenzie at 3s 3d to 3s 4d; 12 lambs for J. Ryan at 3s 2d; 99 lambs for J. Glasson at 3s 7d to 3s 9d; 81 lambs for H. J. Vincent at 3s 6d; 8 steers for H. R. H. Roberts averaging £2 15s 9d, 4 cows averaging £2 13s.

Messrs. Wilkinson and Lavender.—770 wethers for R. J. P. Sims at 6s 9d to 7s 2d, 162 at 6s; 789 wethers for T. J. Wilson at 6s 11d, 116 at 5s.

MAITLAND HIDE AND SKIN SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The usual weekly sales of hides and skins were held at Campbell's Hill yesterday. In the hide section large supplies were forward, the quality generally being excellent. Owing to the non-attendance of any metropolitan buyers the demand was not so active, and values showed a reduction on the high rates which have obtained during the last few weeks. Best-conditioned heavy parcels made from 16s 3d to 17s 9d, good lots realised from 12s 6d to 14s, medium made from 8s to 11s 6d, light sold from 6s 6d to 8s, and inferior bundles brought [illegible] 5s to 6s. Yearling skins were in fair supply, and sold at prices ranging from 2s 6d to 4s. Calfskins light supply, best making to 1s 6d, others from 2d. Sheepskins were in large supply, the greater proportion consisting of pelts. The demand was active, and late values were well maintained. Best quality lots sold from 2s 9d to 3s 3d, good conditioned parcels brought from 2s to 2s 5d, medium 1s 11d to 2s 3d, light 1s 5d to 1s 9d, inferior from 1s to 1s 3d.

HUNTER RIVER FARMERS' PRODUCE SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Large supplies were forward at the Hunter River farmers' weekly produce sales held yesterday, and there was a fair attendance of buyers. In the dairy section the demand was active, and prices were fully equal to the values which ruled last week. Butter made from 6d to 9d per lb., eggs realised 9½d to 11d per dozen, bacon 4d, cheese 1d to 3½d, hams 8d, lard 4d per lb. Live pigs sold from 6s 6d to 7s each, honey made 2d to 2½d per lb., 2s 3d to 2s 6d per tin, and 1s per section. The vegetable market was firm, competition being brisk for all good quality stocks. Early Rose potatoes made 30s to 40s, and the Ruby and Brownell varieties realised from 40s to 60s per ton. Onions sold from 6s to 7s per cwt. Cabbage made 6d to 2s 6d per dozen, chillies 9d to 1s per bag, beans 1s per peck, cucumbers 3d to 7d per dozen, melons 2s 6d to 5s per dozen, small 1s 6d to 2s, rock-melons 3s to 7s, marrows 1s to 1s 6d, pumpkins 4s to 5s 2d, small 2s 6d to 3s, piemelons 1s to 3s 6d per dozen. The fruit supply was limited as regarded variety; no citrons and very few kinds of stone fruits being on sale. Apples made 1d to 1s 3d per dozen, 9d to 2s 6d per case, nectarines 1d to 3d, peaches 1d to 6d, passionfruit 1d to 2d per dozen, grapes 1½d to 2½d per lb., pears 1d to 6d per dozen, tomatoes 5½d per dozen, 9d to 1s 6d per case. Poultry were in fairly large supply. Fowls made 1s 3d to 3s 6d, ducks 1s 3d to 3s 8d, geese 2s 6d to 3s, turkeys 7s to 12s 6d, pigeons 9d per pair. Hay—Very large supply offering. Lucerne, best dry green 40s to 50s, brown 35s to 45s per ton, oaten 40s to 60s, wheaten 40s to 52s 6d, chaff 2s 8d to 2s 9d per bag, maize 2s, oats 1s 6d to 2s per bushel.

CAMPBELL'S HILL FAT STOCK SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The usual fat stock sales were held at Campbell's Hill to-day in the presence of a good attendance of buyers. In the cattle section large supplies were forward, consisting of prime fresh cattle. Competition was active, and values were firm at last Monday's rates. Best bullocks made £4 10s to £5; good, £3 15s to £4 4s; small and light lots, £3 to £3 10s. Cows were in large supply. The demand was brisk. Best made £3 to £3 10s; others from 30s. The Namoi Pastoral Company's bullocks made £5; Doyle's Invermein bullocks, £4. Calves were in small supply, and competition was brisk, values being unaltered. Best vealers made to 35s; others, 12s 6d to 20s. Of sheep a very large supply was forward. The demand was extremely dull. Values for all descriptions were decidedly lower. With large supplies backing up no improvement is probable. Best crossbred wethers made 7s to 8s 6d; good, 5s 6d to 6s 6d; ewes, 5s to 7s 6d; best merino wethers, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; good, 5s to 5s 6d; light and short woolled, 3s 6d to 4s 6d. Lambs, 4s to 6s 6d. Pigs were in small supply. The demand was firm at late rates. Prime porkers made 20s to 25s; good, 14s to 18s; stores and slips, 5s to 9s 3d.

MELBOURNE WOOL SALES.

The Melbourne Woolbrokers' Association reported by telegraph last night as follows:—The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Melbourne, held a sale to-day, when a catalogue of 1400 bales was submitted. There was a good attendance, and competition was keen at late rates. Among the sales were:—Scoured: Biddenham (Angathella, Q.), combing 12d, bellies 9½d, pieces 9½d; Woolerina (St. George, Q.), fleece 13d; MHS over Springbrook (Tumberumba), combing 12d; Kover Longreach (Rockhampton), ditto 13½d, combing 13½d. Greasy: TL over Rumleigh (Rockhampton), fleece 6½d, pieces 5½d; BOB over Oaltowa, combing 6d, pieces 5½d.

An interesting and useful distribution has been made by the London Congregational Union to 250 poor children in Walworth and other districts of the metropolis. The gifts were pairs of wooden shoes, and the experience of past presentations of these sabots has proved that they have been much appreciated by parents, as well as the children, who are thus enabled to go to school even when the roads are wet or covered with snow.

HELIDON SPA WATER recommended to all Athletes, stimulates the nerves. Tooth and Co., agents.—[ADVT.]

The formula on which Minerva Tonic is compounded has been keenly scrutinised and heartily approved by medical men of high standing, and as the ingredients used in the manufacture are of the purest and best you can dispense it in the household with full security and satisfaction.—[ADVT.]

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was an improvement in the Mining market yesterday, both in regard to the volume of business and prices. Broken Hill silver shares were characterised by a generally stronger tone, Proprietary being strengthened by the announcement of buyers in London at 53s 6d. Block 10 and North Broken also advanced. There were no noteworthy changes in Tasmanian ventures. Queensland gold-mining shares had more transactions and were firm, but there were no material changes in values. Victorian lines were quiet. Business was only done in some half-dozen Western Australian stocks. Great Boulder and Ivanhoe both had good advances and closed very strong. Companies on the Queen Margaret line were better, and there was a generally firm feeling in other Western Australian ventures. Local stocks were without business, but were firm. Copper and coal shares were without exchange, but amongst the latter Vale of Clwydd were quoted higher.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	54/	—
Stockton	3/	3 6
Vale of Clwydd	8 6	9/
Wallsend	£23	23/10/
Waratah	12 6	17 6
Wickham and Bullock Isl.	8 9	9 3
Ditto, new	1 9	—
Ditto preferential, £1 pd	21/	23/
COPPER.		
Girilambone	9 6	12/
Lake George United	21/	—
SILVER.		
Broken Hill Proprietary	53 9	54 3
Block 10	79/	80 6
Block 14	—	29/
Junction Nth.	21 6	22 6
North Broken	13 6	13 9
North Central	—	1 11
B. H. South	...	16 6
Ditto, con.	...	15 6
Overflow	6 9	7 6
Ditto, con.	2 9	2 11
Comet	7/	—
Curtin and Davis No. 1, con.	—	1 6
Mount Lyell	8 13/	8 19/
North Mount Lyell, paid.	22 6	—
GOLD.		
Big Hill	—	1/
Birthday	4 9	5 2
Ditto, con.	2 11	4 2
Cobar Mining	2 7	—
Eldorado	—	1 2½
Great North'n, con.	—	9d
Mount Drysdale	—	4 6
Peak Hill, pd.	10d	—
Sunlight	9 8	—
West Sunlight	2 6	3 3
Ditto, con.	—	2 8
Cent'l Plateau	33/	36/
No. 1 North Phoenix	11 6	12/

	Buyer.	Seller.
South Star	47/6	48/6
Band of Hope	20/	21 6
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, &c.	6 7	8/
No. 1 North Victory	2 11	3 2
Oriental and Glanmire	3 3	—
Associated	53/	55/
Boulder N'th-west	1 2	—
Brown Hill Junction	8/	—
Brown Hill No. 1 South	1/	1 4
General Gordon, con.	9 6	—
Golden Zone, con.	3/1	—
Great Boulder	7 11/	7 13/
Hannan's Eureka	7d	1/
Hannan's Pr. of the Valley	10d	11d
Ivanhoe	9 11/	9 12 6
Ditto South Extended	4/	—
Ivanhoe Junction	1 6	—
Kalgoorlie Bank of England	42/	49/
Kalgoorlie Proprietary	—	4 6
Lady Sherry	3 2	3 4
Ditto, con.	2/	2 6
Lake View South, paid.	29/	31/
Ditto, con	13/	—
Melbourne United	—	10 6
Princess Margaret	14 6	15 6
Queensland Menzies	21 9	22 3
Ditto, con.	20 9	21/
Queen Margaret	49	49 6
Ditto South	12 6	—
Ditto No. 1, South	5 9	6 3

The following sales were reported:—Morning.—Silver: North Central, 1s 9d. Gold: Clark's Brilliant Worcester and Victory, 7s 3½d; Victoria G. M. Association, 8s 9d; Queen Cross Reef, 13s 9d; Ivanhoe Junction, 1s 5d; Queensland Menzies, paid up, 22s 6d, 22s 3d; ditto, contributing, 21s. Noon.—Gold: Great Boulder, £7 10s, £7 10s; Queensland Menzies, paid up, 22s 6d, 22s 9d; Queen Margaret, 49s. Afternoon.—Silver: B. H. Proprietary, 54s. Gold: Brilliant and St. George, 27s 4½d; No. 1 North Phoenix, 12s; No. 1 North Victory, 2s 11d; Great Boulder, £7 11s 6d, £7 10s; Ivanhoe, £9 12s; Lady Sherry, paid up, 3s 4d; Queensland Menzies, paid up, 22s, 22s 1½d, 22s 1d; Queen Margaret, 49s.

The following sales were reported after the last meeting of the Exchange:—Gold: Birthday, contributing, 4s; No. 1 North Phoenix, 12s 3d; Queensland Menzies, paid-up, 22s.

The following cablegram from the London office of the B. H. Proprietary Company, Limited, was posted yesterday on the Exchange:—"February 24, 5 p.m.: Silver, 2s 5¼d; lead, £11 13s 9d; shares, 53s 6d buyers."

The directors of the Broken Hill Proprietary Block 10 Company, Limited, yesterday declared their forty-ninth dividend, of 1s per share, payable on Wednesday, 17th March. The books close in Melbourne on the 4th of March.

PRINCESS MARGARET COMPANY.

The report of the directors of the Princess Margaret Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Bulong, to be submitted at the first half-yearly ordinary general meeting of shareholders in Melbourne on the 3rd March, states that payable stone has not yet been met with in the mine. Prospects, however, are very encouraging, as the main lode of the Queen Margaret is believed to pass through the property. The directors have secured lease No. 1575, adjoining the western boundary of the property, and comprising some 24 acres, thus making a total area of 430 acres. The purchase-money paid was £1200, and the directors consider that this block adds materially to the value of the mine. Water was struck at a depth of 177ft., and a condenser and double winding plant have been erected. The mine manager's report is of a hopeful character. The balance-sheet shows a credit of £4683 13s 4d.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

In silver stocks the principal business done to-day was in North Broken, but the prices of these and other Barrier lines were still unchanged. Western Australia gold lines again had an active demand, and a large business took place both in high and low priced stocks. Sales: Junction Consolidated, 1s 6d; B. H. South, contributing, 15s 6d, 15s; North Broken, 13s 4½d, 13s 6d, 13s 3d; Silver Hill Junction, 1s 2d; South Central, 8d, 7d; Yuba, 1s 9½d; Associated Gold Mines, 53s, 54s 6d, 54s 3d; Hannan's Block 45, 13s 9d, 14s 3d, 13s 9d, 14s 9d; Bonnie Charlie, 3s 6d, 3s 7d, 3s 4½d; Boulder Central, paid, 11s; ditto, contributing, 7s 6d, 8s, 7s 6d; Boulder Consols No. 1, 4s; Boulder North-west, 1s 10d; Brookman's Golden Arrow, 4s, 4s 11d; Brown Hill Junction, 8s 3d, 8s 6d; Brown Hill No. 1 South, 1s; Brown Hill Central, 1s 11d, 2s 1d; Croesus Proprietary, 2s 8d, 2s 10d, 2s 9d; General Gordon, contributing, 9s 6d; Golden Key, 9d, 1s 0½d; Golden Zone, paid, 4s 6d; ditto, contributing, 3s 3d, 3s 8d; Great Boulder, £7 11s, £7 11s 6d, £7 7s, £7 13s 6d, £7 13s, £7 16s; ditto, main reef, 28s 6d; Great Boulder No. 1, 17s 6d, 18s 6d; Hannan's Victoria Cross, 6d; Imperial Boulder, 5s 4d, 5s 5d, 5s 6d; Ivanhoe, £9 4s, £9 6s, £9 14s; ditto Central Extended, 4s 5d, 4s 4d, 4s 9d, 4s 6d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 44s, 43s 9d, 47s; Kalgurli, 34s; Lady Sherry, contributing, 2s 1d; Lake View Consols, £6 15s; Lake View Extended, 11s 4½d; Lake View South, paid, 30s, 29s 6d, 30s; M'Pherson's Reward, 2s 6d; Premier, 15s 6d; ditto South, 7d, 6d; Mount Margaret, 49s 6d; ditto South, 12s 9d, 13s 6d; ditto No. 1 South, 5s 9d, 6s 1d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 22s; Railway, contributing, 4s; ditto, paid, 5s, 4s 11d; Slug Hill, 1s 8d; ditto North Extended, 5d; Southern Boulder, 3d, 4d; Three Colonies, paid, 3s; Wallaroo and Moonta Copper, 21s, 22s.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's Brisbane Exchange sales were:—No 1 South Great Eastern, 9d; No. 5 North Phoenix, 1s 5d, 1s 6d, Day Dawn No. 5 West, 8d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 21s 6d; Lady Sherry, contributing, 2s 2d; Minnie Palmer South, contributing, 1s 1d.

Queensland Exchange sales:—Caledonia and New Zealand, 7d, 7½d; Jones's Caledonia, 6½d, 6½d; Wilmot Extended, 5s; M'Clay's Welcome, paid, 2s 1d; Minervo, contributing, 1s 4d; No. 7 South Lady Mary, 1s 1d.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The Junction mill did better work last week, treating 600 tons crudes, producing 144 tons first and 33 tons second concentrates; also 45 tons first and second slimes. The despatches for the week totalled 1100 tons, including 500 tons second-grade sulphides locally to Block 14. Although speedier work has been done, there are really no indications as yet of the lode in Browne's west crosscut at the 675ft. level. The distance from the shaft now measures 340ft., the face carrying stratified schistose country rock, a little water being emitted from the bottom. Stoping is proceeding in M'Intyre's western development at the 675ft. level northward from the eighth to the tenth floor, and in the southern section the stopes are being worked from the eighth floor underhand. Good faces of high-grade shipping ore are exposed in both sections. In the intermediate workings stoping is continuous on the hanging and footwall sides, material of good quality being won. The stopes upwards are returning readily all the milling requirements. Block 10 mill for the week ending 17th February treated 1473 tons crudes for 334 tons concentrates of high silver and lead contents. The despatches for the week were 1626 tons. The estimated concentrates on hand are 802 tons, 273 tons being bagged. Fair progress has been made in sinking Kelly's shaft, which now measures 646ft. from the surface. The bottom is in country rock, having lately passed through the footwall of the lode. The stopes as a whole are looking remarkably well throughout the mine. The loopline to the zinc tailings dump was completed last week, and now the ore is being trucked. A 2600-ton parcel of these tailings to Port Pirie was completed yesterday.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's sales:—Brilliant Central, 8s 2d; Day Dawn No. 5 West, 6d; No. 7 North-East Queen, 1s 2d; Victoria and Queen, 11s 1d.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports the following sales:—Victory No. 1 North, 2s 11d; Great Eastern No. 2 South, 1s 0½d; Lady Mary No. 7 South, 10d; Phoenix No. 5 North, 1s 10d. To-night's quotations:—Columbia and Smithfield, seller 19s, buyer 18s; Columbia No. 1 North, contributing, seller 3s 6d, buyer 3s; Oriental and Glanmire, seller 3s 11d, buyer 3s 6d; No. 2 Great Eastern, seller 4s 7d, buyer 4s 6d; New Zealand Junction, seller 2s 5d, buyer 2s 1d; Smithfield and Golden Pile, seller 5s 9d, buyer 5s; Wilmot Extended, seller 5s 2d, buyer 4s 11½d; Golden Pile, seller 9s 7d, buyer 9s 1d.

HILLGROVE, Thursday.

The gold escort this week took from Hillgrove 963oz. 17dwt. of bar gold.

HOBART, Thursday.

To-day's Hobart Exchange quotations and sales were:—Comet, buyer 6s 6d, seller 7s 6d; South-West Curtin and Davis, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s 2d; Hercules, buyer 17s, seller 17s 6d; Barlen Hercules, buyer 2s 5d, seller 2s 8d; South Hercules, buyer 3s 2d, seller 3s 6d; Hercules Consols, contributing, sales 4s 9d; Central Lyell, buyer 1s 1d, seller 1s 6d; Oonah, buyer 7s 11d, seller 8s 1d; Silver Queen, buyer 14s, seller 15s.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The reason the Ivanhoe G. M. Company applied for the additional 74 acres of mining leases, including the old water areas, was to protect the splendid supply of water in the existing shaft. This supply has been drawn on at the rate of 16,000 gallons daily for some months, without making any impression on it. The labour conditions will be met by the concentration of labour on the Ivanhoe mine, where more than enough men are employed to hold the ground. The Great Boulder battery was shut down to-day to enable the counter shafting to be put in to start the additional 10 head of stamps. It is expected that there will be a delay of about two days, but the additional stamps should prevent any reduction in the output. A new 40-head battery is in course of erection at the Lake View Consols. Twenty stamps made in America have been delivered on the ground. Winding, pumping, and air-compressing plant are being put up. The Lake View Consols has a surplus supply of power from the 500-horse power engine, and, pending the completion of the additional 40 head of stamps, it is proposed to lay an electric tramway from the Great Boulder to Kalgoorlie and to run cars by power supplied from the mine. The corporation proposes to carry out the work. The road is three miles in length and a most busy one. The Brown Hill has delivered 300 tons of ore at the railway yards, but as yet they have only been able to send 100 tons to the steamer at Fremantle owing to want of trucks. The Associated Gold Mines, Limited, has received an additional 2000 ore bags, and bagging is in progress. The lode is very wide. It is intended to continue shipping the stone. The Bank of England mine is bagging ore for Adelaide. A parcel is being taken from a depth of 100ft. It is expected that owing to its splendid water supply the Ivanhoe Company will increase its battery to 40 or 50 head of stamps.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A moderately firm but not active market was experienced for silver companies to-day and on the whole rather higher prices ruled in the business done. Improved prices ruled for several Western Australian gold companies. The principal features in the market for Victorian gold companies were the further fall in Sebastopol Plateau Company's, Ballarat; and improved demand for some of the Bendigo companies, especially Shenandoah. Sales: Block 10, 80s; British Broken, 14s; B.H. Proprietary, 53s 9d; B.H. South, 15s 6d; North Broken, 13s 6d, 13s 7½d; Mount Lyell, £8 17s; Barlen Hercules, 2s 3d, 2s 4d; Comet, 7s 3d; Curtin and Davis, 12s; South-west Curtin and Davis, 2s; Queen Margaret, 49s, 49s 6d; Queen Margaret No. 1 South, 5s 7d, 5s 9d; Associated Goldmines, 53s, 55s, 54s 6d; Brown Hill Junction, 9s; Ivanhoe, £9 4s, £9 13s; Berry Consols Extended, 59s; Black Horse, 21s 6d; Central Plateau, 35s, 34s; Berry West, £5 6s; South Star, 48s 6d, 49s; Spring Hill, Central, 27s 6d, 27s 9d; Great Northern Consols, 18s; Great South, 55s; Great South No. 1, 63s; Great Southern Chiltern Valley, 11s; Great Southern Consols, 9s 6d, 9s 9d; M'Evoy, 5s; Prentice, 6s; Southern and Prentice, paid, 5s 9d; Koch's Pioneer, 23s 6d; New Argus, 6s 9d; New Chum Railway, 23s 9d; Shenandoah, 7s 4½d; B. B. Quartz, 4s 3d, 4s 5d; Long Tunnel, £106; M'Aul's Reward, 16s; New Loch Fyne, 98s, 99s; Victor's Quartz, 6s, 6s 4d; South German, £6; Beehive, 1s 8d; Corryong View, paid, 11s; North Duke, 3½d; Fenby's Reward, paid, 11d; Gay's Star, paid, 2s 2d, 2s 3d; Glen Fyne, 4s 6d, 4s 1d; Kanumbra, 1s; New Chum, St. Arnaud, 2s 7d; Von Moltke, 3s 10d.

TOMINGLEY, Thursday.

Maloney, M'Closkey, and party struck a nice reef here yesterday at 140ft. It has opened out 2ft., and is carrying nice gold, with every appearance of opening wider. Paton, at South End Hill, has also a nice 18in. reef.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

The Great Britain has cut a leader carrying good gold and mineral, 24ft. from the shaft, at the 200ft. level. The reef cut through at 160ft. gave exceptionally good prospects. Attains and party, two claims further north, are raising a nice quality of mineralised stone from the 140ft. level, the reef averaging 5in.; 15 tons are at grass. The Big Ben, Dempsey and party tributers, are stoping stone containing a little mineral, and showing free gold; 40 tons are being sent to the battery. The Ready Money mine, north of Perry's, has completed sinking the new shaft, and is driving levels at a depth of 180ft., on a reef averaging 4in., of a nice quality of mineralised stone. This claim is the farthest north on the line of reef. The Black Snake G. M. Company is driving to reach the footwall at a depth of 250ft. The formation consists of serpentine and slate. The Daisy claim is still sinking the underlay shaft in a serpentine and slate formation, carrying veins of sulphide ore. This party has a large quantity of firsts and seconds paddocked, which will be treated at the local calcination works. In the Londonderry mine, north of the Black Snake, they have a formation of serpentine and slate, carrying gold and mineral. The formation is 7ft. wide, and almost vertical. The present depth of the shaft is 180ft. Gough's battery has treated 10 tons for Davis and party, South Hidden Treasure, for a yield of 13dwt. per ton.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Brilliant G. M. Company, C.T., 4d.
B.H. Junction S.M. Company, February 25, 1s.
Lord Nelson, St. Arnaud, February 25, 1s.
Great Southern Garden Gully, Bendigo, February 25, 1s.
Queensland Menzies G. M. Company, W.A., February 26, 1s.
Great Northern Extended G. M. Company, Rutherglen, February 26, 1s 6d.
B. H. Water Supply Company, Limited, February 26, 6d.
Mount Bischoff T. M. Company, Tas., February 27, 5s.
Berry Consols, Kingston, March 1, 1s 6d.
Prentice Freehold, Rutherglen, March 1, 1s.
Great Cobar Copper-mining Company, March 3, 1s.
Papuan Brilliant and Victoria, C.T., March 4, 6d.
Victoria G. M. Association, C.T., March 8, 6d.
B.H. Junction North, March 10, 6d.
The B.H. Proprietary Block 10, March 17, 1s.
B.H. South S. M. Company, March 19, 6d.
Oonah S. M. Company, Tas., March 25, 3d.
Day Dawn Block and Wyndham, C.T., 6d.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

No. 1 Central G. M. Company, Southern Cross, 173 tons, 43oz.
Papuan, Brilliant, and Victoria, Charters Towers (rough clean up) 600 tons, 1085oz. 16dwt.
Sir Henry Loch, Ballarat, 64 tons, 22oz.
South Hidden Treasure, Wyalong, 10 tons, 6oz. 10dwt.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM A CONVENT.

A young lady of 16, the daughter of Baron Laminet, has attempted to escape from a convent at Pressburg in Hungary, under particularly romantic circumstances. The Vienna correspondent of the *Daily News* says that a kind-hearted woman, the mother of a family, was passing the convent when she noticed a young girl sitting on the sill of a high first-floor window and making movements as if she intended jumping into the street below. The woman called out to her to desist from her mad intention, but the girl, holding on to some architectural ornaments, glided slowly downwards, and held on to the sill with her fingers only. Delicate as she was, she must soon have dropped, but two men, taking the proffered shawls and capes of women passing by, held them up firmly and she was caught in their arms. Two very small hands threw some clothes after her from the window, so that it must be supposed that she had a schoolgirl accomplice in her flight. Baroness Laminet begged on her knees that her kind deliverers would take her to the house of a friend whom she named, as she could not live in the convent any longer, but a lady present interfered, and said that the scantily-clad girl must be returned to the convent, and this was done, although she pleaded piteously and sobbed violently. It is asserted that the superior of the convent is making her a nun against her will. She spent the Christmas holidays on her uncle's property not far from Pressburg, but when she was taken back to school after New Year's Day she was told that, having been idle at her lessons, it was intended that she should remain in the convent for good.

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MINING MANAGERS' REPORTS

New Crown of Peak Hill Gold-mining Company, No Liability, February 16.—Down 18ft. in the winze from the 360ft. level; sinking in the lode. Cannot say how wide the lode, is because we cannot carry it all down in the winze. Can see free gold in the ore. On Sunday night we struck a fresh burst of water, which drove us out of the bottom level for a few days. Think we must have struck the lode, but cannot say for certain, as the water rose so quickly. Now drawing 5000 gallons per hour, and at this rate just keeping the coming water down. There is no water in the country, but all in the lode. Am crushing for the public, which will take about a week to finish.

The Bluey Gold-mining Company, No Liability, week ended February 20.—100ft. level: Total 381ft.; reef 3½ft. Underground work suspended to allow water to accumulate in shaft for crushing purposes, as we are blocked with stone already raised.

The British Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited, week ended February 17.—Blackwood shaft: The east vein stopes on 100ft. level produced the usual supply of lead ore; good faces of ore are exposed; excavating winze chamber in long west crosscut preparatory to sinking a winze to 200ft. level, which will be used as a tailings shoot. 200ft. level: Stopes in western extension and off No. 1 west crosscut producing sulphide ore for milling as required. 300ft. level: A southerly drive was started off west crosscut in good sulphide ore, but after driving 4ft. was stopped as hanging-wall was in close proximity. Then started another drive southwards in midst of ore body, which was driven 5ft. in splendid sulphide ore; face looking well. 400ft. level: Preparatory work has been started on this level to open up the sulphide ore off west crosscut. Howell shaft: The far north stopes maintained their usual output of carbonate ore from the 100ft. level upwards. 200ft. level: Sulphide stopes off No. 2 west crosscut unchanged; usual output of sulphides obtained for week. Far east vein drive, total 164ft.; face still carrying friable sulphides. East crosscut from plat, total 74ft. 300ft. level: Various stopes on this level yielding sulphide ores as required. South drive, total length 119ft.; face in milling sulphides. The mill did very fair work for the week.

Australian Tin-mining and Crushing Company, No Liability, Blue Tier, Tasmania, February 22.—Making good progress excavating dressing-floors; also removing Full Moon plant to mine.

Melbourne United Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Bulong.—North Block, 175ft. level: Western crosscut has reached 21ft. from opening set. Costeening north of shaft on an untried part of heavy and likely-looking outcrop of jasper and quartzite bar. South Block: Total depth of shaft from brace 26ft. Country very heavy.

Princess Margaret Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Bulong, February 12.—No. 1 shaft, 100ft. level: West crosscut, total from bottom of winze 10ft. Main shaft sunk 11ft. Fixed two opening sets at 200ft. level, total depth 213ft. Now sinking in a graphite formation similar to that met in Queen Margaret mine when sinking their shaft. By telegraph, February 22: Just struck lode 200ft. level; there is no change to report at this point, appearances most encouraging.

Queen Margaret Gold-mining Company, Limited, Bulong, February 13.—Expect to start men below next week. Main storage tank completed; will start fill same from main shaft next week. All other work proceeding satisfactorily.

Slug Hill North Extended Gold-mining Company, February 22.—Webb's shaft north extended 50ft.; passed through 12in. quartz-carrying gold.

The Broken Hill Proprietary Block 14 Company, Limited, week ended February 17.—400ft. level: No. 2 crosscut, north drive, total 21ft.; in good milling ore. 300ft. level: No. 1 winze, total 33ft.; present bottom rather hard. Stoping continued on the 200ft. and 300ft. levels, and the required ore supplied to the mill. 175 trucks, containing 952 tons ore, despatched for the week.

The Baker's Creek Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Hillgrove, week ended February 13.—In the stopes on Smith's reefs, back of No. 10 level, south of No. 2 winze, one stope is showing good gold, with from 3in. to 5in. of stone. Back of No. 9 level, north of No. 1 winze, the stopes show a 6in. reef carrying good gold. The remainder of the stopes remain without alteration. All the machinery on the mine is in good working order.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Land and Houses.

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W. BRADLEY and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Pianoforte, Furniture, Oil Paintings, &c.
A. G. JENKINS.—At his Rooms, at 11, Personal Effects, Wearing Apparel, Sewing Machine, Glassware, &c.; at 12.30, Luggage, &c.
H. W. BROOK and CO.—At 146 Elizabeth-street, at 11, Furniture, &c.
J. RODD and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Fancy Goods, Perfumery, Books, Stationery, &c.
J. R. LAWSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianofortes, Electro-plate, Bicycle, &c.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, &c.; at 2, Jewellery, &c.
A. MITCHELL.—At 80 Campbell-street, Glebe, at 10, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various stores, at 9.30, Hides, &c.; at J. Bridge and Co.'s Stores, at 2.30, Tallow.

HORSES, HARNESS, AND VEHICLES.

G. KISS.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.
W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.; at Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 12, Calves, Pigs, &c.; at 1.30, Poultry, &c.; at 3, Dairy Produce.
ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 1.30, Calves, Lambs, Pigs, &c.; at 2, Butter, Eggs, &c.; at 3, Poultry, Pigeons, &c.
S. PROCTER.—At his Mart, at 1, Calves, Pigs, Poultry, &c.
W. F. PENNY and CO.—At the City Yards, at 11, Pigs.
R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Room and Yard, at 1.15, Pigs, Calves, &c.; at 2.30, Poultry, &c.; at 3.45, Eggs, Maize, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

S. PROCTER.—At Darling Harbour at 9, Wood, &c.
BANNISTER, MORRIS, and CO.—At Newtown, at 7, Wood, &c.; at Darling Harbour at 9, Wood, &c.
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THE FRIENDS of ROBERT THOMAS ST. CLAIR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE; to move from the Port Jackson Wharf, Circular Quay, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery. T. WAUGH and COMPANY, Undertakers, Manly. Telephone, 4?

DRAKE.—The FUNERAL of the late Mrs. HENRY DRAKE will leave her late residence, Lemoon, Norton-street, Ashfield, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at quarter-past 9, for Ashfield station, thence to Necropolis. HENRY HART and SONS, Undertakers, Ashfield.

THOMAS.—The FRIENDS of WILLIAM THOMAS, of Penryn, Cowper-street, Waverley, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly beloved WIFE, to leave his residence at 9.30 THIS (Friday) MORNING.

THOMAS.—The FRIENDS of Alderman WILLIAM THOMAS and Family are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Elizabeth, to leave Penryn Cottage, Cowper-street, Waverley, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 9.30, for Waverley Cemetery, not 2.40 p.m. as previously advertised. W. CARTER, Undertaker.

GIFFORD.—The FRIENDS of Mrs. JANE WILKINSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SON-IN-LAW, Henry J. Gifford; to move from his late residence, 27 Elizabeth-street, Redfern, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at quarter-past 1 o'clock, for Rookwood. C. KINSELA, Undertaker.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. CHARLES BYRNE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Henry J. Gifford; to move from his late residence, 27 Elizabeth-street, Redfern, TOMORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at quarter-past 1, for Rookwood Cemetery.

PIONEER LODGE, No. 55, U. A. O. DRUIDS.—The Officers and Members of the Pioneer Lodge and all Druids Lodges and kindred Societies are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of our late deceased Brother HARRY GIFFORD, P.A., P. Arch Druid; to move from his late residence, 27 Elizabeth-street, Redfern, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter-past 1 o'clock, for Necropolis, Rookwood. Arthur S. Shaw, Secretary.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. CREANEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, James Anslem, which will leave their residence, 54 Buckland-st., Waterloo, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R. C. Cemetery, Rockwood. A. J. JACKSON, Undertaker, Embalmer, 203 Regent-st., Redf.

PALMER.—The Funeral of MARY BEATRICE, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles M. Palmer, Kedron, M'Laren-street, North Sydney, will leave for st. Thomas's Cemetery at 3.30 p.m. THIS DAY, Friday.
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GOODWIN.—The FRIENDS of the late Mr. HERBERT GOODWIN are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, Irene Cottage, No. 101 Day-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 3 o'clock, for Balmain Church of England Cemetery, Leichhardt.
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1. For cleansing street gutters and removing house refuse.
N.B.—In connection with the foregoing work separate tenders for each or any single Ward are invited.
2. For kerbing and guttering.
3. For cartage (day labour).
4. For cartage of blue metal and screenings.
5. For supply of rubble ballast.
6. For printing.
Specifications can be seen, and all information obtained, upon application to the undersigned.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Tenders to be properly endorsed and addressed to the Mayor.
R. W. GRIERSON,
Council Clerk.
Town Hall, Redfern,
22nd February, 1897.

BOROUGH OF WAVERLEY.
TENDERS are hereby invited for VALUATION of all RATEABLE PROPERTY in Waverley for current municipal year.
Particulars of duties may be obtained on application to the undersigned, to whom all Tenders must be delivered not later than 3 p.m. on TUESDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1897.
ROBERT T. ORR,
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Borough Council-chambers,
Waverley, 23rd February, 1897.

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Specification may be seen during office hours.
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February 22, 1897.

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TENDERS REQUIRED FOR—
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UNDER the Auspices of the MARRICKVILLE FEDERATION LEAGUE
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PADDINGTON TOWN HALL
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MR. E. O'CONNOR
will Address the Electors
THIS FRIDAY EVENING,
at 8 o'clock,
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THE FEDERAL CONVENTION.
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ADDRESSES
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FEDERATION
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SATURDAY NIGHT, BATHURST, 7.30 p.m.
MONDAY NIGHT, BURWOOD SCHOOL OF ARTS, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY NIGHT, KEARY'S HOTEL, WILLIAM-STREET, 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT, Q.C.E. HOTEL, ABERCROMBIE-STREET, 8 p.m.

SIR ARTHUR RENWICK
will Address the Electors of North Sydney, in the School of Arts, St. Leonards,
THIS EVENING.
His Worship the Mayor will take the chair at 8.
Sir ARTHUR also speaks at Parramatta on SATURDAY EVENING, at 7.30.

FEDERAL CONVENTION ELECTION.
Mr. JAMES MARTIN will speak at the following centres:—
TO-NIGHT, Redfern Town Hall, at 8 o'clock. His Worship the Mayor of Redfern will preside.
SATURDAY, 27th instant, Vallance's Hotel, Penrith.
MONDAY, 1st proximo, Town Hall, Newtown, 7.45 p.m.
MONDAY, 1st proximo, Royal Exchange Hotel, Marrickville, 9 p.m.
TUESDAY, 2nd proximo, Council-chambers, Annandale.
Electors are cordially invited.

MR. B. R. WISE
and
Dr. W. P. CULLEN, M.L.C.,
will deliver Addresses on Federation as under:—
MONDAY, March 1st—Fagan's Hotel, Abercrombie-street, city, at 8 p.m.
TUESDAY, March 2nd—St. Matthias' Hall, Paddington, at 8 p.m.

FEDERAL CONVENTION.
Mr. BRUCE SMITH
will deliver Address on
"UNITED AUSTRALIA,"
as follows:—
NEWTOWN—Friday Evening, 26th February.
NEWCASTLE—Saturday Evening, 27th February.
BALMAIN—Monday Evening, 1st March.
PROTESTANT HALL—Tuesday Evening, 2nd March.
NORTH SYDNEY—Wednesday Evening, 3rd March.

FEDERAL CONVENTION ELECTIONS.
Mr. J. T. WALKER will ADDRESS the ELECTORS at the following places, namely:—
TAMWORTH, Friday, 26th February.
PENRITH, Saturday, 27th February.
GOULBURN, Monday, 1st March.
WAGGA WAGGA, Tuesday, 2nd March.
ALBURY, Wednesday, 3rd March.

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WANTED, elderly MAN, used to horses and useful. Imperial Laundry, 9 Hereford-st., Glebe.

WANTED, two LABOURERS, sailor men preferred. Back of Beale's, George-st., 8 a.m.

WANTED, a respectable GIRL, to mind two children. 743 George-st., Haymarket. Also, General.

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WANTED, General SERVANT. 211 Oxford-st., Darlinghurst.

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